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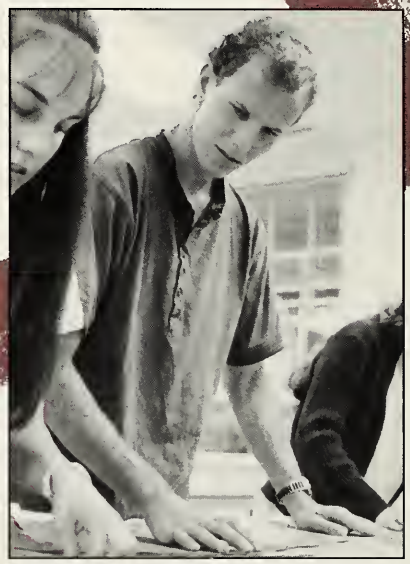
Aboard a research vessel near Iceland: one project in "Faculty Research."

A MASTER "PIECE" OF INSTRUCTION

In Professor Steve Griffin's two-dimensional design class, students practice mixing colors in order to match them to fragments of a masterpiece reproduction. Professor Griffin distributes more than 80 one-inch fragments, with each student receiving three, taken from random spots in the reproduction.

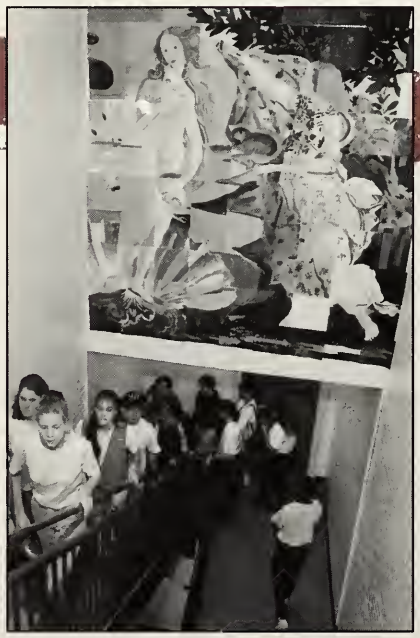
1 *From each of the one-inch fragments, a student must make a large square, drawing the same shapes and painting the same colors that are on the fragment.*



2 *Although they begin with the primary colors of red, yellow and blue, students discover it is necessary to mix paint colors in order to duplicate the colors of their fragments.*

3 *Once all the large squares are complete, students assemble the painting and have their first look at the completed work of art.*

4 *It's time to display the project — Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" — in Melchers Hall.*



5 *The exercise has shown students that most colors are a mixture. It also allows them to experiment with achieving particular colors to match the colors of a masterpiece.*

6 *The class and Professor Griffin (on the right) applaud the results of a week's work.*

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FACULTY RESEARCH AT MWC

Some 2,400 years ago, Sophocles wryly observed in *Antigone* that "the ideal condition would be, I admit, that men should be right by instinct; but since we are all likely to go astray, the reasonable thing is to learn from those who can teach." Historically the tradition of the teacher-learner has been a richly interwoven tapestry, unreadable if its strands separate but compelling narrative when its strands connect. Separating the teacher from the learner would be a foolish task. Benedict Biscop, a seventh-century Northumbrian monk, taught the Venerable Bede. Bede wrote the immensely significant *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, the primary scholarly work on a momentous period in English history. Bede also taught Egbert, who became Archbishop of York and established a cathedral school. At that school Alcuin learned. He in turn taught Charlemagne to read, without which teaching the Carolingian Renaissance would not have occurred and without which western culture would be appreciably slimmer.

Contemplating the teacher-learner is a rather whimsical excursion in wondering who, what, and when teaching and learning change places. Chaucer finds the two activities inseparable: his *Canterbury Tales*' Clerk of Oxenford "gladly wolde...lerne and gladly teche." Roger Ascham taught Elizabeth Tudor Latin and Greek: What did Ascham learn as she framed his teaching to statesmanship, shredding an ambassador in extempore Latin when she was over 60? John Milton, a scholar frequently terrifying in his erudition to undergraduates, is characterized as a teacher-learner by his nephew: "Thus by teaching he in some measure increased his own knowledge, having the reading of all these authors as it were by proxy; and all this might possibly have been conduced to the preserving of his eyesight, had he not moreover been perpetually busied in his own laborious undertakings of the book and pen."

In short, and in introduction to the teacher-learner activities of the Mary Washington College faculty, the line between the classroom and the library, between student instruction and professorial scholarship long has been indistinct. Long may it remain indistinct: The classroom student's question provokes the professorial research to answer it, which in turn produces the academic conference or publication forum, which returns new material to the classroom for further dialogue. That dialogue of the academy is an ongoing process: It has few boundaries, it has no mandated chronology, it registers no clear cause-and-effect relationship, and without it human progress would be impoverished.

Barbara D. Palmer
Dean of the Faculty

BY JACK BALES

Last year Thomas G. Moeller, professor of psychology, became interested in the relationship between children's self-esteem and their educational achievement. Students and teachers had been asking him about ways of measuring self-esteem in children and about methods of improving children's self-esteem. He was preparing a seminar on issues in educational psychology at the time, and decided to include this topic in the seminar. Soon after he wrote an article addressing this area, reporters and magazine writers began calling him. "I got a phone call from a company that is developing self-esteem enhancement materials for middle school children...[but] the major point of my article is: Self-esteem is causally related to academic achievement and [therefore] educators should stop all this emphasis on self-esteem enhancement and concentrate on other factors that seem to be more important. Apparently this company didn't get the message!"

While working on his dissertation, Timothy Duffy, lecturer in history and American studies, was trying to understand why the influence of religious leaders in 19th-century America gave way to scientists. He realized that gender issues were the key to understanding this fundamental shift and began studying how notions of masculinity and femininity are implicated in the representation of intellectual authority in American history — how ministers, writers, teachers and the like construed their work and roles as "masculine" or "feminine." Dr. Duffy has addressed these issues in classes, conference papers, articles and book reviews, and adds that this interest is related to his own experience of staying home and raising children while his wife works full time as a librarian in the Simpson Library. "Neither of us conforms to traditional gender roles," Duffy says.

All present-day readers may not read the works of Margaret Fuller, Rebecca Harding Davis, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Sarah Orne Jewett and Louisa May Alcott, but students in Mary B. Rigsby's classes do. Professor Rigsby, assistant professor of English, argues that 19th-century American women writers have been undervalued by literary historians "primarily because they were evaluated by standards insensitive to their aesthetic agenda." The goal of her research is to offer a methodology for reading 19th-century literature that integrates works by women and minority writers with those works by men that have traditionally been seen as the great books of American literature. Rigsby is the author of a chapter in the forthcoming book *Redefining the Political Novel*.

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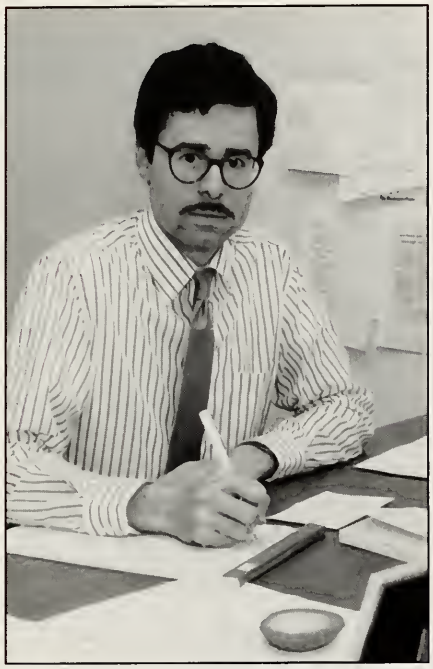


Mark Rozell's latest book landed on President Clinton's reading list.

U.S. News & World Report noted that President Bill Clinton's summer reading included a copy of *Executive Privilege: The Dilemma of Secrecy and Democratic Accountability*, "a book by Associate Professor of Political Science Mark J. Rozell that examines the problems presidents have had in maintaining secrecy." Dr. Rozell has written books, articles, and op-ed pieces and is often seen on CNN and other networks. He recently mentioned that "Clinton had a copy of the book a week before I did. It had just been released, and I didn't yet have my personal copies." Perhaps that's just another example of executive privilege!

Grant R. Woodwell, associate professor of geology, and MWC student Rebecca L. Masters have discovered that there is considerable interest in determining what types of fluid sources and compositions are mobilized in the earth's crust during mountain building. They believe that fluids trapped in minerals in the rocks can tell them something about the nature of fluid flow during active uplift of the crust. They presented their paper, "Vein Formation and Fluid Circulation During Active Margin Tectonics of the East Piedmont of Virginia," at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, held in Seattle this past October.

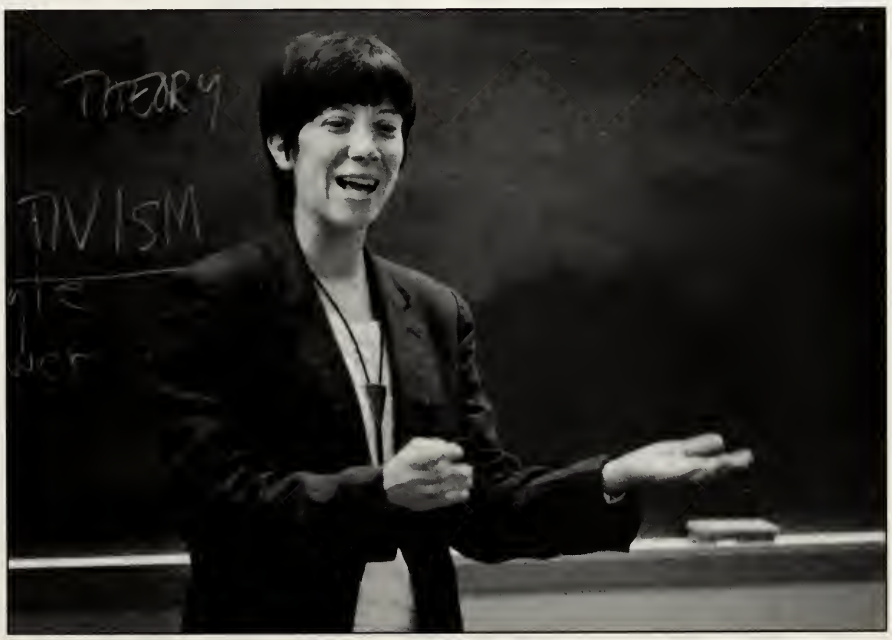
Richard J. Krickus' research on Sajudis, the Lithuanian Independence Movement, has led to frequent appearances on CNN, as well as stints on the CBS morning show and "Larry King Live" during the week of the anti-Gorbachev coup in August 1991. The professor of political science first became interested in the movement when the organization invited him to serve as an international monitor of the 1990 elections. The efforts of the organization set events in motion which ultimately led to the demise of the Soviet empire. From his work, Professor Krickus has shared with his students many insights and much information about the collapse of the USSR, and he hopes to publish a book on the subject next year.

Along with several writing projects concerned with aspects of Soren Kierkegaard's thought, Distinguished Professor of Religion David W. Cain is at work on a "coffee-table Kierkegaard," a book of color plates and narrative captions designed to be — as the working title has it — *An Evocation of Kierkegaard*. Cain would like to "humanize" Kierkegaard by introducing him through photographs of places he knew and wrote about. As Professor Cain puts it, "To read Kierkegaard is to be grabbed, shaken, amused, delighted, maddened, exposed and activated by a master poet-philosopher-theologian-ironist-humorist of the human."

Stephen B. Gough, assistant professor of biology, maintains that by using quick, easy environmental tests, it is theoretically possible to determine the health of an ecosystem. Some of his research on environmental assessment focuses on the Upper Rappahannock River Basin, and several students are engaged in research in this area under his supervision. He has also worked with The Friends of the Rappahannock, a local organization that advocates the cleanup and preservation of the Rappahannock River.

For some 10 years Judith A. Parker, assistant professor of English, linguistics and speech, has been examining the speech perception and speech production abilities of good and poor readers, focusing on linguistically significant features of acoustic speech signals. She asserts that there is no question her research has an impact on her teaching. "There's nothing like doing research and reading other scientists' research reports to keep your imagination and thinking active about important issues," she writes. Dr. Parker is also working on two research projects with her students this semester: a longitudinal study on the development of children's oral narratives and a new study called the Life Stories Project, funded by VA COOL (Virginia Campus Outreach Opportunity League).

"I have been engaged for some years," writes Distinguished Professor of Political Science Lewis P. Fickett Jr., "in following the fate of what *was* the major opposition political party in India." This leftist political party was the Janata Dal. Professor Fickett's research and writings examine the reasons for the party's failure and what that failure reveals about the Indian political system. He has received several scholarships — including



Judith Parker's research sparks her imagination.

Lisa Osterman (back row, fourth from left) joined a very hardy crew aboard the Joides Resolution. *(When this photo was taken, the temperature was only 25 degrees!)*

a Fulbright Scholarship — that have enabled him to study in India. His writings include papers presented at various conferences on Asian studies, three articles in *Asian Survey*, chapters in a book titled *India Votes*, and his 1976 book, *The Major Socialist Parties of India*.

Lisa Osterman, lecturer in geology, wants to better understand the role of the oceans in moderating and controlling the climate of the earth. To accomplish this, she has spent 16 years studying microfossils, which help her to learn about the oceanographic changes that accompanied the beginning of the Ice Age. Samples of the fossils are collected by coring from a research vessel. Last summer she spent 56 days aboard *Joides Resolution*, a multinational research ship. She was one of 14 women in what was the largest number of women on an Arctic expedition.

For two years Jon M. Smith, lecturer in business administration, has been studying the laws of business. He says that price elasticity (the higher the price, the lower the sales volume) is a behavioral law in economics, and when integrated with traditional break-even analysis in business, a non-linear law relating profit to price can lead to new insights into business management. Professor Smith believes that through a better understanding of the non-linear failure modes and how to avoid them, one can reduce failures in small businesses (a national problem).

Marshall Bowen has spent 10 years researching life in the Great Basin.

Shihab Al-Din Suhrawardi was a 12th-century Islamic philosopher whose guiding thought was to restore the philosophy and theosophy of the sages of ancient Persia. Mehdi Aminrazavi, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, has written a book on Suhrawardi that will examine the mystical dimension of his thought. It will be published by The Curzon Press in London.

Distinguished Professor of Geography Marshall E. Bowen has just completed more than a decade of research on patterns of settlement, land use, and community life in the Great Basin, locat-

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Aniano Peña researched the Don Juan theme for a liberal studies course.

Rosemary Ingham writes about regional theaters.

ed in northeastern Nevada. He is now embarking on similar work in the Escalante Desert of southwest Utah, with a particular focus on the community of "Sahara." In time he will address other Escalante Desert communities as he attempts to understand the patterns of life and livelihood in the inter-mountain West during the early 20th century. Besides gathering data during his research trips, he has also had rattlesnake confrontations and has been involved in a shooting incident.

For the last three years, Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Aniano Peña has researched the Don Juan theme in preparing a Spanish course for MWC's master of liberal studies degree. He is paying special attention to Max Frisch's theater, particularly to his play *Don Juan; or, The Love of Geometry*, which Dr. Peña has translated into Spanish and submitted for publication.

Assistant Professor of English Stephen H. Watkins has a contract with Longstreet Press to publish his book *The Black "O": How Racism and Arrogance Brought Down an American Corporate Empire*. His work focuses on a major job discrimination civil rights case. Dr. Watkins, whose writing has appeared in several national publications, stated that his book "chronicles levels of racism in major American corporations that aren't supposed to exist anymore."

Rosemary A. Ingham, costume shop and design supervisor in the Drama Department, discovered some time ago that young theater artists today know little about recent theater history. So she is writing a book on the economic and social history of American regional theaters between 1950 and 1990. In 1950, she points out, there were only a handful of professional theaters outside New York City, and today there are between 300 and 400. "Why and how did this come about?" she asks. "Who is funding them and who is buying tickets?" She adds, "My career in theater parallels the growth of regional theater. It's my life."

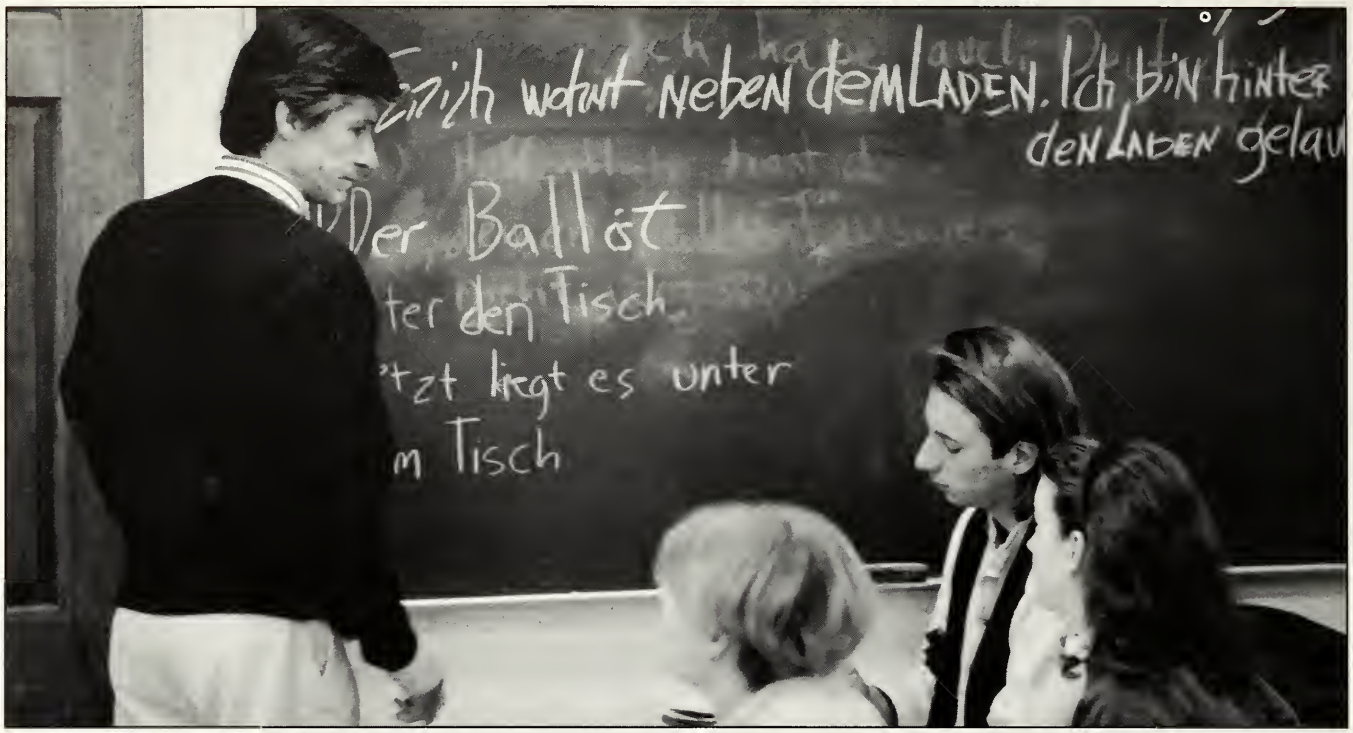
In her research, Suzanne Sumner, assistant professor of mathematics, examines a dynamical system modeling competition between different species of trees in a forest. She is studying the effects of harvesting and stocking of trees in the hope that the different tree species coexist or their populations fluctuate periodically. One type she studies is the pioneer species that flourishes when the total density of the populations is low. Another is the climax species that thrives for higher total densities of the populations from improved soil conditions or shelter.

About three years ago W. Brown Morton III, associate professor of historic preservation, discovered in Fredericksburg a labeled antique drop-leaf table from Waterford, Va. This gave Morton, who has lived in Waterford since 1967, the impetus to undertake research on 19th-century Waterford cabinetmakers. A 1994 exhibition and catalog, "Made in Waterford: The Furniture of Chair and Cabinet Makers John Mount, William T. Mount & Lewis N. Hough, 1825-1895," were the products of his research.

Conventional control of tree fruit pests has involved the use of insecticides. Due to many proven adverse effects of pesticides as well as environmental concerns, entomologists are looking for safer means of pest control. Joella C. Killian, associate professor of biology, has presented numerous papers at professional meetings on "mating disruption" as an alternative to fruit pesticides. Female moths emit chemical communicators, called pheromones, that attract males for mating purposes. In mating disruption, synthetic pheromones are introduced into the orchard or vineyard environment in such overwhelming amounts that males can no longer locate the females.

Associate Professor of Religion James E. Goehring is researching a history of early Egyptian monasticism that incorporates a critical assessment of the interactive relationship between ascetic practice and its literary portrayal. Evidence indicates that an original diversity

Joella Killian, shown here in biology lab, studies an important alternative to pesticides.



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in belief and practice gave way to a more uniform model over the course of the fourth and fifth centuries, in part through the production of idealized literary figures. Examples of this process include the decreasing role of female ascetics in favor of the famous male monks, such as St. Anthony, and the replacement of the early urban setting of ascetic practice by the image and reality of the desert as the locus par excellence for the ascetic life.

Christina Kakavá, assistant professor of linguistics, teaches "Issues in Sociolinguistics and Anthropological Linguistics," and finds that her research into the Greek and American interactional styles of disagreement is extremely relevant to what she covers in her classes. In her research, she discusses the different parameters that may affect disagreement strategies, accounts for their use, and addresses theoretical ramifications based on her findings. She particularly argues that different cultures have different norms of interaction and interpretation. Whereas in one culture the action of disagreement may be viewed as creating solidarity, in others it may be viewed as disrupting sociability and may be avoided at any cost. However, even in the same culture the value and/or appropriateness of disagreement may differ depending on the particular interactional context (e.g., a political debate versus casual talk at a social event). Dr. Kakavá has made over a dozen presentations at national and international conferences and has published three articles on her research.

Margaret A. Klayton, assistant professor of business administration, believes that the use of computers should allow many workers to perform much of their work at home in an uninterrupted environment, a topic she first addressed in her dissertation. She edits an international telecommuting newsletter, "Teletrends," and wishes to increase the public's knowledge of telecommuting as a viable work alternate. At MWC she teaches a course on "Managing Remote Workers" and is particularly interested in finding out whether labor unions object to or support the telecommuting effort.

In 1989, before the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Sammy R. Merrill, professor of modern foreign languages, attended a seminar in East Germany. He became interested in the subtle expressions of dissatisfaction as seen in the popular rock music of Germany, and is now intrigued with how the influx of foreigners to western Germany has caused many problems — economically, politically and culturally. Professor Merrill wants "to infuse this information into my advanced conversation and composition classes and to inform my students better on current German cultural problems." He has presented his findings at three conferences and in November 1993 published an article in Fredericksburg's *Free Lance-Star* on German xenophobia.

The topic of Michael O'Hara's research is "George Bernard Shaw and the Federal Theater Project: Players, Productions and Politics." He undertook an historical study of Shaw's plays as performed from 1935-39 by the Works Progress Administration's Federal Theater Project. The lecturer of dramatic arts commented that he incorporates what he has learned into his classroom teaching and has already been approached by two potential book publishers interested in this topic. As an aside, O'Hara adds that he has "met Shaw's beneficiary, met world-renowned scholars, and has become a tolerable director of Shaw's plays."

Professor of Biology Stephen W. Fuller's research stems from his involvement in a movement that opposes placing a power plant in King George County, Va., just a few miles from counties that are already not meeting the federal air pollution standards. Dr. Fuller believes that lichens can be used as a biological index of atmospheric purity, as they are particularly sensitive to air pollution — especially to SO_2, which is an emission from fossil fuel combustion. The SEI Birchwood power plant being built in King George County is touted to have the latest in pollution control technology; however, Dr. Fuller asserts, "We are

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going to use a technique to establish the atmospheric purity of the area as a base line study before the plant starts operation."

"I do research in the area of mathematics called semigroup theory," says Assistant Professor of Mathematics Janusz Konieczny, "which is a study of mathematical objects called semigroups." A semigroup is a set whose elements can be "multiplied," with "multiplication" obeying the law $(A \times B) \times C = A \times (B \times C)$. An example of a semigroup is the set of numbers with multiplication one learns in school: $2 \times 3 = 6$, $7 \times 12 = 84$, etc., but in general, "multiplication" in a semigroup may have little to do with multiplication of numbers. Despite their very simple definition, semigroups have rich theory and many applications in mathematics and computer science. Dr. Konieczny has published the results of his work on two kinds of semigroups in several articles and has incorporated his research into his "Topics in Mathematics" class.

For the past 10 years, Professor of Chemistry Roy F. Gratz's research has focused on synthesizing small organic molecules (monomers) which can be combined (polymerized) to form very long chains of atoms (polymers), with other groups of atoms attached at regular intervals along the chains. During his experiences in summer positions at NASA and the Naval Research Laboratory, he has worked on specialized polymers that can be used at unusually high temperatures. He and his students have synthesized organic compounds as monomers for preparing polyimides. The specific polyimides they have been making have structures that give them resistance to high temperatures. This makes the polymers useful for aerospace and electronics applications. Gratz's goal is to make a thermally stable, high-strength polymer to use as a matrix resin for high performance composites. Composites of these materials are used as structural materials for aircraft and space vehicles. There are also potential applications for these materials in the electronics industry.

Subscribers to the Russian periodical *Voprosy Psychologii* were asked to respond to a survey designed to assess the educational, employment, and professional activities of psychologists in the newly independent states. Professor of Psychology Denis Nissim-Sabat and the Russian editor of the magazine are analyzing the data, which indicate significant gender and age differences in education, employment, and general areas of specialization of psychologists in these states. The survey will be distributed yearly, and it is hoped that the data will determine the various needs of the psychological profession and the role psychology will play in future public policy debates in the former Soviet Union.

Professor of Geology Robert L. McConnell, who is active in several environmental organizations, is studying the impact of population growth and the accompanying development on quality of life. One aspect of his research focuses on how impervious surfaces become flood hazards and lead to increased runoff and pollution. He is documenting the impact of growth, specifically the impact of development on the nature, timing, and severity of floods, and hopes that comprehensive zoning regulations can provide some solutions to the problem. Last June, Professor McConnell presented one of three closing speeches at the EPA-funded Chesapeake Bay Conference.

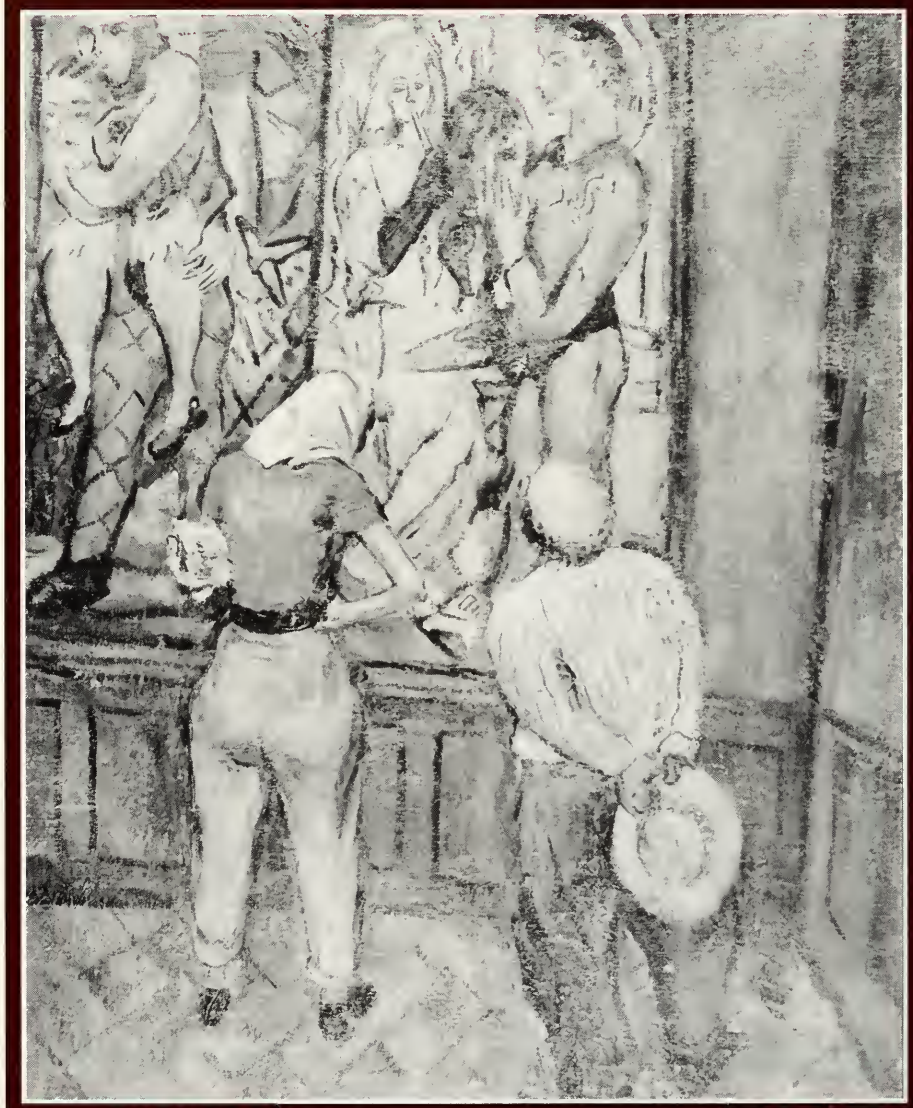
Through his work in editing English Renaissance plays, Professor of English William Kemp became fascinated with the Renaissance culture surrounding "The Book" and is now developing conceptions of the book, writer, and reader during the Renaissance.

David MacEwen, professor of psychology, and Larry W. Penwell, assistant professor of psychology, are designing multimedia tutorial software applications and short videos for their psychology curriculum. These combine movie clips, sounds, scanned pictures, and photos into an educational computer program delivered over an Apple Macintosh network. They eventually wish to produce interactive, self-paced, computer-based tutorials and supplemental video modules that will motivate students and aid in the learning process. Professor MacEwen says, "My areas of training are in the psychology of learning and computers. Designing these multimedia teaching programs and testing how effective they are combines my interests very well."

Steve Fuller's students eye "small" issues in the classroom.

Jack Bales, reference and bibliographic instruction librarian at MWC's Simpson Library, is working on his fifth book, a study of Pulitzer Prize and Newbery Award-winning author Esther Forbes.

Newly Donated Ridderhof Martin Artworks to Be Exhibited



Phyllis Ridderhof Martin, 1905-1993, Untitled ("Museumgoers"), oil on Masonite.

BY FORREST MCGILL

Is that *us* in the museum, scrutinizing a modern art work?

This question is raised by a Phyllis Ridderhof Martin painting recently acquired by the College's galleries. During her life, Ridderhof Martin, a Southern California artist, made possible the construction of the College's first up-to-date museum facility. Since her death in 1993, her family has been settling her estate and is donating nearly 300 of her works, many of which have never been seen publicly. A selection of these works, including "Museumgoers," will be exhibited from April 14 to June 10, 1995, in the gallery bearing her name.

Now, what about that encounter of a pair of tourists with a modern art work? Is the encounter real or imagined? If it is real, when and where did it take place? And why did Ridderhof Martin depict it?

We at the galleries suspected that the painting within the painting could be identified. Joseph Dreiss, art history professor, suggested it was by the German expressionist Max Beckmann. The style seemed right, and Beckmann was well known for creating paintings in three panels, which the work being examined by the museumgoers could well be. We checked, and found that Beckmann's three-paneled "Carnival" exactly matches what Ridderhof Martin has shown. "Carnival" was painted in 1942-43, but not exhibited until 1946, when it was bought by the art museum at the University of Iowa.

The Ridderhof Martin painting would seem to have been painted in the next few years. According to Rosemary Ingham of the MWC Drama Department, who is a specialist in costume, the clothes worn by the museumgoers suggest the late '40s or early '50s. She laughingly cautions, however, that it's easier to say when a style appears than when it disappears: people may be out of style indefinitely.

How might Ridderhof Martin have seen the Beckmann? "Carnival" was illustrated in art magazines several times in the 1940s and '50s, but apparently only once in color, in the November 25, 1946 issue of *Life*. Ridderhof Martin certainly

Phyllis Ridderhof Martin, 1905-1993, untitled charcoal drawing of a young woman in a gypsy costume, drawn when the artist was a teen-ager.

"The addition of several hundred paintings and drawings... points up the struggles and accomplishments of a woman artist in a period when the art world was still almost completely male-dominated."

might have seen that reproduction. But might she also have seen the Beckmann painting itself? She lived most of her adult life in the Los Angeles area and visited museums frequently. In 1948 the Los Angeles County Museum of Art hosted a major Beckmann exhibition, which Ridderhof Martin presumably visited, because she owned a copy of the exhibition catalogue. "Carnival," though, was not included, and according to the records of the University of Iowa museum, was never shown in California during Ridderhof Martin's active career. It was, however, exhibited in Philadelphia in 1947 and Minneapolis in 1948, and perhaps she saw it in one of those cities. Another possibility is that she saw it in the spring of 1954 when it was exhibited at the University of Michigan. We know she visited nearby Detroit in April on her way to the wedding of her son and daughter-in-law.

To return to the question of why Ridderhof Martin painted this work: In the 1940s and '50s people in many parts of the country were still unfamiliar with modern art. It was received with indifference or hostility. Southern California was, at the time, intensely discouraging to artists like Ridderhof Martin, who were interested in new artistic ideas and approaches. She told stories of the coolness with which her friends reacted to her later, more avant-garde works. Perhaps in this painting, of an encounter between two regular folks and a monument of modern art, she intended to point up her separation from much of her potential audience. The 1946 *Life* magazine article about the first exhibition, in Iowa, of Beckmann's "Carnival" and several other "strange-looking paintings," said that "the Corn Belt's response was mixed.... Students and artists hailed the death of regionalism [but] an Iowa newspaper flatly said such paintings could only be done by the mentally unbalanced."

Among others of the recently donated Ridderhof Martin works to be displayed this spring are Japanese print-like landscapes painted while she was still a teenager, fashionable clothing designs of the 1920s, pencil sketches for her major paintings of the 1950s and '60s, and an enigmatic self-portrait in which the artist presents multiple overlapping images of herself as if in a time-lapse photograph.

The addition of several hundred paintings and drawings by Phyllis Ridderhof Martin to the College's already broad collection of European and American artworks of the mid-20th century enriches that collection in several notable ways. It adds a window on California to a previously strong New York focus. It points up the struggles and accomplishments of a woman artist in a period when the art world was still almost completely male-dominated. Finally, it sheds light on the very processes of art-making, because Ridderhof Martin so often depicted herself, fellow artists, or her students at work painting.

Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Closed Tuesday and Thursday. The Ridderhof Martin Gallery is on College Avenue at Seacobeck Street. Free parking designated for gallery visitors is available in the lot across College Avenue at Thornton Street. For information call (703) 899-4695.

Forrest McGill is director of the Mary Washington College Galleries.

Phyllis Ridderhof in about 1943.

Homecoming Weekend

BY S. AUSTIN MERRILL '91

It was shortly after the 1993 Homecoming Weekend that I decided I was not going to play in the 1994 alumni rugby game. Every year I had looked forward to that game, looked forward to renewing old acquaintances and recapturing old glory as we trounced the student team in a fashion they would not soon forget. Every year we got whipped. And not just collectively, I might add — I personally got whipped. Not that I was ever an all-star player anyway — in my prime I was no more than decent — but my strength had always been that I was in better shape than most of my teammates. Since graduating, however, I have spent days after every Homecoming Weekend feeling like I had played in a rugby game that I shouldn't have played in.

So 1994 was going to be different, and I couldn't wait. Having recently left the parents' nest, I was looking forward to playing host to a handful of friends in my apartment. We'd have a pleasant weekend of seeing old friends, reliving good times, having pizza at the Parthenon and the Eagles Nest, hot dogs at the soccer game, and later, if we felt up to it, one or two beers at the Irish Brigade. Then we'd all get up Sunday morning and, after a good home-cooked breakfast, tee-off at the golf course at 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. We'd be done by mid-afternoon, and everyone's scores would be well below 100. Monday morning I'd feel refreshed, glad to be back at work after a fun but relaxing weekend, and looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Besides the varsity soccer game, a rugby game between alumni and students has become a Homecoming tradition.

The soccer game between MWC and conference rival Salisbury State attracted a huge crowd of alumni and students.

For recent graduates, the Battleground parking lot is the place to catch up with old friends.

Homecoming attracts both recent and future graduates.

Alumni also reconnect with one another at the rugby field.

The prime vantage point is the roof of the RV hosted by John T. Williams Jr. '93 (nowhere in sight in this photo).

Ninety-Four

The perfect Homecoming Weekend.

When Monday morning actually did roll around...surprise!...I felt like I had played in a rugby game that I shouldn't have played in. I should have known better. It all started Friday night, when the "handful" of friends staying at my apartment doubled. We stayed at the Brigade until very late, but were up bright and early Saturday morning, starting the day with a Hardees' biscuit in one hand and a Bloody Mary in the other. By noon we were at the soccer fields, and the tailgating was in full swing. The parking lot was full of barbecue grills, picnic baskets, and the occasional well-concealed beverage. Everywhere you looked there were feasts and mini-parties going on, but they were all dwarfed by the John T. Williams mobile party home. It has become a tradition — every year the term "recreational vehicle" is given new meaning, with at least 50 people at a time sitting in, on, and around the party on wheels — all oblivious to the very real possibility that it might topple over at any second.

The tailgating lasted all day. It is very difficult to describe the experience. The afternoon was spent catching up with lots of old friends, meeting new wives, husbands, and children, and forgetting many names. It seemed impossible to spend enough time with anyone; there were just too many hands to shake, people to hug, and stories to tell. Somewhere amidst the festivities I heard there was even a soccer game being played. And while I did spend about 15 minutes at the rugby game, I was satisfied to just be a spectator, watching from the sidelines as the students beat the alumni team. When darkness came, the action moved to the Brigade, where it was very much like old times until it was suddenly last call and time to go home.

Saturday's brilliant weather surrendered to a rainy Sunday. The 15-plus that slept on my floor rose reluctantly late Sunday morning, polished off my bottle of aspirin, and we all trudged through the rain to Anne's Grill for brunch. By mid-afternoon everyone was on their way home, and I set about the significant task of cleaning my apartment between mini-naps. And although I never touched a rugby ball, I learned that I can no longer bounce back from such a weekend as I once could. The perfect Homecoming Weekend...I'd have it no other way.

S. Austin Merrill '91 worked in MWC's Office of Admissions as an admissions counselor and then as an assistant dean of admissions from 1991-94. In January 1995, Austin joined the Peace Corps. He is now in Senegal, W. Africa, for training, and then will be stationed on the Ivory Coast.

FORMER MWC ATHLETES! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The MWC Sports Information Office is currently researching the achievements of *all Eagle varsity athletes*, dating back to the founding of the College in 1908. If you were a varsity athlete at MWC, please take a few minutes to fill out this form or a copy of it, and return to Vince Benigni at the address below. Information gained from these forms may be used in upcoming historical studies, feature stories in *Mary Washington College Today*, the semi-annual MWC alumni newsletter, and in the new MWC Athletic Department newsletter, which will be mailed to all former athletes *and* anyone who wishes to receive complimentary issues.

1. Name ("short form," e.g., Tim Smith)_____

2. Current address and home/work phone numbers_____

3. Present occupation, name of company, length of service at that job (if retired, list primary occupation(s) while working)

4. MWC varsity sports and years in which you participated

5. Names of head coaches in those sports_____

6. Individual honors in sports (include applicable statistics, All-Conference, All-Region, All-American honors, etc.; also, any academic honors received)

7. Team honors, accomplishments (rankings, postseason play, etc.)

8. Please respond to this query on a *separate* sheet of paper. Be sure your name is on this page, too. Your memories and comments are important. Share your positive (and negative) experiences as an MWC varsity athlete. How many players were on your team? Did you have sizable attendance at home games? Describe the competitive nature of the games. Who were your big rivals? Tell us about your uniform styles and colors, campus and yearbook newspaper coverage, game promotions, mascots, cheerleaders or anything else of interest.

Please mail both pages to: Vince Benigni, Sports Information Director, Mary Washington College, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5358.

Sports Update

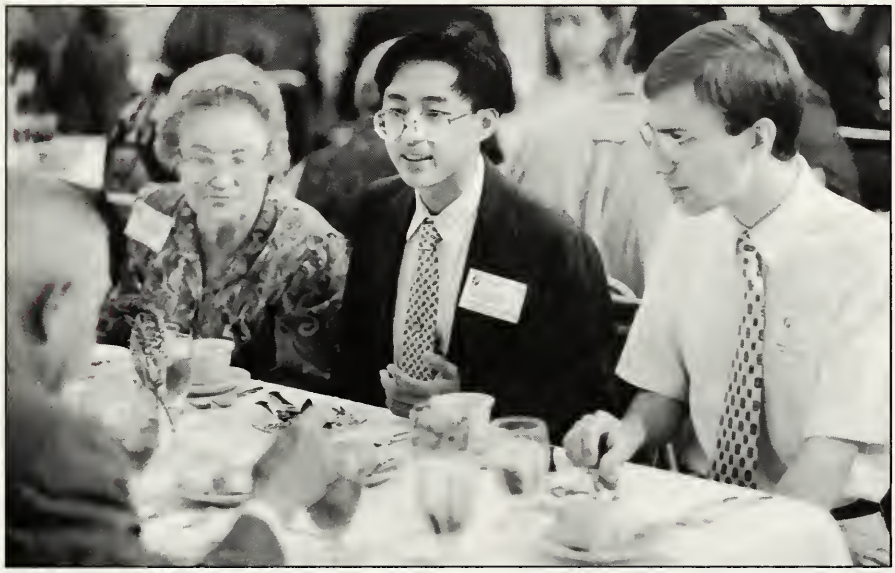
The '94 fall season was again outstanding for MWC athletic teams. The women's soccer team received a fifth NCAA Division III Tournament bid in six seasons in a 12-4-3 season. Field hockey gained a third national trip in four years while going 13-5-1. The men's soccer team tied a school record for victories in a 17-4-1 campaign. That team won a fourth straight Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) title, as did men's and women's cross country. Also, women's volleyball won the CAC regular-season title, women's tennis was 4-0 in dual matches, baseball was 7-2 in exhibition play, and the riding team ranks among the region leaders midway through the show season.

Left: All-CAC forwards David Holt (14) and Chris Blelloch (team-high 17 goals) helped MWC score a school-record 78 goals in '94.

Right: Beverly Hoover settles the ball for MWC's Top-10 women's soccer team.

Below: The Eagle field hockey team earned a third NCAA Division III Tournament bid in four seasons, shutting out 11 opponents in the process.

On Campus



Photos, top and bottom: Scholarship recipients meet scholarship donors at an annual luncheon.

Donor/Scholarship Luncheon

More than 150 scholarship recipients and the donors who are helping to make their education at MWC a reality met and lunched in the Great Hall on Nov. 5. According to E. Deal Tompkins, vice president for college advancement, "This is always a particularly enjoyable occasion when we can give a special 'thank you' to those people whose generosity has made possible so many endowed scholarships at Mary Washington. The current student recipients also enjoy the opportunity at the luncheon to personally thank their benefactors."

Fall Phonathon

Students and Mary Washington College alumni working the 1994-95 Annual Fund Fall Phonathon contributed more than 750 total volunteer hours in which time they reached over 4,400 alumni, friends and parents.

According to Petra H.M. Travis '95, phonathon chair, a total of $347,622 resulted from the 25 phoning sessions at Trench Hill. "Over 40 percent of these pledges were either new or increased gifts with the average pledge rising six percent over last year to $78.83," she says.

Many of the callers worked more than one evening and deserve special recognition: 33 worked two nights, seven worked three nights, six worked four nights. Senior James Mothershead pulled in eight evenings to his credit.

This dedicated group, which included alumni from the Classes of 1966 through 1994, received more than stars in their crowns. The Eagles Nest delivered 228 pounds of pepperoni, cheese and veggie pizza. The workers consumed 159 gallons of carbonated beverages, somewhere around 2,500 candy bars over the course of 25 nights and 1,000 Frookie Frackers. More than 300 rubber bands flew across the busy phone lines.

The number one reason not to give was, "I'm sorry, my wife can't come to the phone; she's watching 'Melrose Place.'"

The volunteers for the spring of '95 phonathon hope to raise another $102,378, so mark your calendars for January 30 through February 28 and be prepared to videotape any of your favorite programs.

Nominations Sought

No one knows who will receive the next Grellet C. Simpson Award, but you can have a voice in the decision-making process. Presented annually as part of the Commencement ceremony, the award honors a member of the faculty for exceptional teaching.

In April, a selection committee convened by the provost of the College will meet to consider all nominations — and its selection will be kept secret until the award presentation in May.

All members of the Mary Washington College community — students, faculty,

duPont Renovation Complete

At the beginning of the academic year, faculty and students returned to the duPont complex, which had undergone extensive renovation. This much-needed and long-anticipated project now provides the College with a modern fine arts facility whose functional interior matches the beauty of the building's graceful exterior.

alumni and friends — are encouraged to send letters of nomination to Dr. Philip L. Hall, provost. All current full-time teaching faculty of Mary Washington are eligible for consideration. Letters should be convincing and specific, describing in detail the attributes, activities and teaching accomplishments of the nominee.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Rosemary Barra, associate professor of biological sciences, was elected secretary of the Virginia Academy of Science for 1994-95. She also attended the annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science and co-authored with Joseph Moorman a presentation titled "Cytotoxic Activity of Stimulated Lymphocytes Against ME-180 Cells."

Jenifer L. Blair, associate dean for admissions, was an elected delegate to the Potomac and Chesapeake Association of College Admission Counselors and represented PCACAC at the national assembly meeting in September.

Marshall E. Bowen, distinguished professor of geography, is the author of *Utah People in the Nevada Desert*, a book published by Utah State University Press.

Roy F. Gratz, professor of chemistry, was awarded his sixth U.S. patent for polymer-related research. The patent is the result of co-research with NASA scientist William B. Alston of Medina, Ohio, and has possible applications in aircraft and spacecraft design.

David C. Hunter, assistant professor of computer science, presented a one-day tutorial titled "Formal Specification and Design: From Z to Ada" at the Tri-Ada '94 conference in Baltimore.

Margaret Klayton, assistant professor of business administration, has been appointed by Virginia's Gov. George Allen to serve as an adviser to the Governor's Task Force on Telework and Telecommuting. At the first annual conference of the International Telecommuting Advisory Council held in Phoenix, Ariz., she received two meritorious awards.

Janusz Konieczny, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke on "Finite Gx-normal Semigroups of Partial One-to-One Transformations," which explained research he conducted jointly with Stephen Lipscomb, professor of mathematics. The presentation was made at the Conference on Semigroup Theory and its Applications, held at Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Professors Lipscomb and Konieczny also had a paper accepted for publication in *Semigroup Forum*: "Classification of S_n-Normal Semigroups." Semigroup theory is a branch of algebra.

Robert L. McConnell, professor of environmental science and geology, gave one of the three closing speeches at the Chesapeake Research Conference, held in Norfolk. Dr. McConnell's topic was "Limits to Growth in the Chesapeake." He also will have a paper published in the conference proceedings. Dr. McConnell's funding fell through for teaching a course on "Transboundary Movement of Waste" in Budapest, Hungary, so he was unable to go abroad as reported in the last issue of *MWC Today*.

Patricia Lacey Metzger, associate professor of business administration, presented a paper, "Identity Crisis: What Does Being a CPA Mean?," at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the Institute of Management Sciences. Dr. Metzger also attended the Leadership Conference of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, where she was elected to the board of directors. In addition, she was appointed to the board of editors of "Disclosures," the society's monthly publication. She is also the author of chapters on accounting for veterinarians and United Way and their member agencies in Prentice Hall's second edition of *Encyclopedia of Accounting Systems*.

W. Brown Morton III, associate professor of historic preservation, and Dr. Fred D. Johnson Jr., of Great Falls, Va., completed the research for the publication of "Made in Waterford: The Furniture of Chair and Cabinet Makers John Mount, William T. Mount and Lewis N. Hough, 1825-1895."

Barbara D. Palmer, formerly professor of English at Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pa., was selected dean of the faculty at Mary Washington. She began her duties August 1.

Forrest A. Parker, vice president for multicultural affairs, was the keynote speaker at Longwood College's honor convocation.

Douglas W. Sanford, instructor in historic preservation and director of archaeological programs at MWC's Center for Historic Preservation, presented a paper at the 1994 annual meeting of the Archaeological Society of Virginia. The title of the paper was "Landscape Archaeology of and for the People: Research at Stratford Hall Plantation."

Gary W. Stanton, assistant professor of historic preservation and director of research at MWC's Center for Historic Preservation, with the assistance of four MWC students, completed a comprehensive index to 25 years of writings in APT Bulletin XXV #1-2, "Twenty-fifth Anniversary Index," by the Association for Preservation Technology.

Paulette S. Watson, director of publications, and the staff of the Publications Office received first place in the annual reports/non-commercial category in the Virginia Public Relations Awards competition.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

September

The Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance presented two one-act plays: "Chamber Music" and "The Fairy Garden"...International mathematics scholar Mario Petrich lectured on "Categories of Algebraic Systems"...National Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, with programs featuring Aztec dancers, Fiesta Latina Day and open class lectures on Hispanic literature and culture.

October

The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra's first concert of the academic year featured alumni and students. The program was highlighted with the premier of alumnus David Kidwell's first orchestral composition, "Overtures of Friendship"...The works of New York artist Alfred Levitt, including 20 of his watercolors on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, were on exhibition in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery...Dr. Willem Landman, professor of philosophy at University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa, and visiting professor at East Carolina University School of Medicine, spoke on the moral status of animals... The Ballet Sinimew of Senegal presented African drummers, exotic dancers and acrobats..."How a State Came to Lead a Nation: the Political Culture of Virginia in the Era of Jefferson and Monroe," was the title of the seventh annual James Monroe Lecture, presented by Dr. Daniel P. Jordan, president and executive director of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation...A forum on foreign policy, featuring MWC faculty, was held in commemoration of United Nations Day...The Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance presented "Antigone," the final play in Sophocles' trilogy, "The Oedipus Cycle"... A forum on the topic of homosexuality was presented...A "White Ribbon Campaign" was led by men at MWC to focus attention nationally on the problem of male violence against women.

Family Weekend

The unseasonably warm autumn weather on a mid-September weekend made Family Weekend 1994 a special treat. The campus was at its best. Some 550 families enjoyed a broad range of activities. Many families took advantage of the opportunity to attend classes with their sons and daughters on Friday afternoon before dancing the night away at an outdoor concert featuring the Big Band sounds of Peaches O'Dell and Her Royal Coconuts.

On Saturday, Mary Washington families cheered athletic teams on to victory, visited the James Monroe Welsh Festival downtown, and feasted on a delicious picnic lunch by the fountain in Monroe Square. Brompton, the home of President and Mrs. Anderson, was open for guided tours throughout the afternoon, and the Historic Preservation Club hosted excursions into historic Fredericksburg. The unpredictable and thoroughly entertaining Student Talent Show was the highlight of the weekend, showcasing the talent and creativity of many of our Mary Washington students.

Jane Anderson (left), wife of MWC President William M. Anderson Jr., enjoys welcoming students and their families to historic Brompton.

Natalie Davis (left), ombudsman for Stafford County, talks with Particia Metzger, MWC associate professor of business administration, at the Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women. MWC's Center for Graduate and Continuing Education was one of the colloquium's sponsors.

November

A two-day leadership colloquium for professional women was held at the College...A seminar titled "How to Apply for a Small Business Loan" was offered by the Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center...A lecture series, scheduled to coincide with the Alfred Levitt exhibition, featured author and modern art specialist Robert Hobbs and MWC faculty members...A seminar on nontraditional education titled "Teaching and Learning in Nontraditional Settings" was broadcast live via satellite... "Encore," the MWC Show Choir, and "Symphonics," a student a cappella group, presented joint concerts...A lecture titled "From Yellow Peril to Model Minority: The Columbus Legacy and Asians in America" was delivered by Evelyn Hu-DeHart, a specialist in Asian-American issues...David Powell, senior fellow at the Russian Research Center, Harvard University, spoke on "Russia: Prospects for Democracy."

Alumni News

"I Remember..."

Some of my earliest memories associated with MWC happened long before I thought that I'd be a member of the faculty.

The College was then called the Normal School, and Mr. A. B. Chandler Jr. was the president. His house, which was on College Avenue, is now Fairfax Hall. His charming wife, Blanche, a petite Southern belle, drove a Shetland pony hitched to a basket-type cart as her means of transportation. After meandering downtown, the pony — a fat, spoiled creature — had to come home via Hanover Street so that he could have a long drink of water from the horse-watering trough across from Freeman's Store. That was the only trough in town from which he would deign to drink.

The old watering trough, which looked like an enlarged bathtub, stood about where Littlepage Street crosses Hanover Street today. Littlepage Street had not been cut through, and Hanover Street — like many streets of the day — was dirt, with stepping stones at intervals to help pedestrians avoid the dirt and mud.

Marian Reed Watts, Trinkle Library 1952-1971 (The photo shows her as Lt. Marian A. Reed, U.S.N.R.(W) in 1945.)

I attended seventh grade at Maury School about 1921 and often walked home along Hanover instead of Plank Road (now William Street). Mrs. Chandler would stop on this route for the pony to have his drink and, if she saw me, would offer me a ride in the basket cart behind that fat pony, who took his time plodding up Hanover Street hill beside Brompton. It was a pleasant treat to chat with Mrs. Chandler and not have to carry my armful of school books.

Years later, when Mrs. Chandler drove a car, townspeople would see her coming, and they would give her a wide berth for fear of her erratic driving, which was so much faster than her pony and cart!

By Marian Reed Watts

(Editor's Note: We'd be pleased to receive other short remembrances of the College in years past.)

Giving Through Your Will

You will spend a lifetime acquiring assets, and then, with a stroke of a pen, give them away. You will not be around to see what happens, but those you care about will. With careful planning you can feel good about preparing the wisest and most productive use of your assets for the benefit of those persons, organizations, and institutions you care most about.

One of the simplest and most effective ways to provide for a charitable organization is through a bequest in your Will. In fact, current Charitable Tax Law encourages people to give to non-profit organizations by providing a 100 percent charitable tax deduction on such a gift. A bequest can often reduce estate tax and allow you to support a charity even after your lifetime.

A bequest to the Mary Washington College Foundation would allow you to support the College in a very meaningful way that you may not have previously thought possible. Often charitable gifts are given in memory of someone, either the donor or a loved one. The Mary Washington College Foundation is pleased to honor these requests and has many ways of granting appropriate recognition.

Whether your plans for the future include charitable gifts or not, the importance of planning an effective Will is vital. Your Will should effectively distribute your assets and express your plans for those you care most about. For more information on writing a Will that works, contact:

R. Scott Jepson III
Director of Major Gifts
Mary Washington College Foundation
P.O. Box 1908
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1908
Tel. (703)899-4645 or Fax (703)899-4931

Reunion weekend '95

June 2-4, 1995

Reunions for classes ending in "5" and "0" ...spouses and friends are welcome! You don't have to be a reunioner to come back for the weekend fun!

All reunioners and Golden Society members will receive the Reunion Weekend brochure in April. Be sure to register early!

Having trouble locating a classmate? Contact the Alumni Office for assistance, and please continue to notify the Alumni Office of the whereabouts of your "lost" classmates.

We want to be sure they receive the brochure, too.

Friday's Traditional Rose Garden Welcome

Theme Dinner at Seacobeck

Stay in Residence Halls

"Reunion College" Classes

Campus Tours

Saturday's Picnic at the Fountain and Class Pictures

Foundation Reception for Honored Classes

Awards Banquet

Slide Show

"Last Hurrah" Party

Sunday Service

Attention Non-Reunioners
If you are **not** a member of a reunion class but would like to receive the Reunion Weekend brochure, call us at (703) 899-4648 or return this form to:

Reunion Weekend '95
MWC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 1315, College Station
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1315

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Class Year _____

Daytime phone (___) _____

Is this a new address? _____

Class Notes

Goat Notes

1918

Louise Milbourne Clarke
3020 Kenbury Road
Richmond, VA 23235

1924

Sue Risheill Perry
227 N. Columbus St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

1934

Mary Virginia Willson
R.R. 2, Box 217F
Leesburg, VA 22075

In gathering material to take to Homecoming, I found a copy of our commencement program in the 1934 *Battlefield*. The date was June 4, 1934. How interesting that our 60th reunion took place on June 4, 1994!

The results from the flyer sent to all 1934 class members by the alumni office in May were two phone calls, four letters and three classmates (who attended the reunion). **Jo Osborn Ashton**, now of Leesburg, phoned her regrets. She moved from Middleburg, Va., two years ago when her husband had to go to a nursing home. One of her daughters lives nearby. Her other two daughters keep in close contact — one lives in Alta Vista, Va., and the other in San Antonio, Texas.

Nellie Mae Stewart Swank phoned from her home in Mineral, Va. She and husband Wally keep busy. He continues to write and publish material on various phases of the Civil War. Nellie Mae's health has not been too good this year, but her voice sounded as cheerful as ever. Why not drop her a note?

Eleanor Dickerson "Choo Choo" Van Train sent regrets from Houston, Texas. Due to her involvement in several charity events at reunion time, she could not leave Texas. She was involved in several golf tournaments and the Variety Club Gala. Her energy is increasing as she adds birthdays!

Florence "Fiffy" Johnson Dodge wrote from Woodstock, Conn., that she would be with us in spirit. In her letter she said that Mrs. Dodd had given her "a great gift — the gift of the love of learning." I passed this wonderful compliment on to Mrs. Dodd at the picnic lunch. Too few teachers ever hear that their labors have been helpful.

From Richmond, **Charlotte Hayes Ridings** sent her regrets that she would not be attending Reunion Weekend because she would be in Pennsylvania attending her granddaughter's wedding. From there she planned to go to Michigan with one of her daughters for several weeks. After that, a family reunion was anticipated at Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was anxious to see her grandchildren and her three great-grandchildren. Charlotte sent her regards to all.

Isabelle Walker Spence sent greetings from her Vineland, N.J., home. She mentioned in her letter that the phone lines began to hum as soon as the reunion flyer was received. She spoke with **Betsy Rigby McClain** in Asheville, N.C., **Marion Ells Sharp** in Bridgeton, N.J., and **Nellie Mae Stewart** in Mineral, Va. All four were roommates and have kept in touch through the years.

What would a reunion be without **Mary Anne Ratner Levy** and her husband, Lee? She, Nellie Mae and I have tried over the years to keep our classmates informed through Class Notes. Mary Anne and Lee have missed few Homecomings. While their children are scattered, all manage to have a family reunion somewhere each year. Their children have successful careers. Mary Anne and Lee still run their family business and say they are thinking of retiring, but I feel sure they never will!

As I was on campus just for Saturday, I did not have much time to get caught up on the latest activities of **Ruth Eve Shirley Lewis**, who came from Charleston, S.C. Two years ago she offered to assist in organizing our 60th reunion, just before leaving for a tour of Europe. How she restored my faith in people by offering and then coming, even when she could not reach me by phone!

In contrasting our 50th reunion with the 60th, I remembered that Nellie Mae, Isabelle, Marion and their husbands prepared, brought and served the refreshments. The two couples from New Jersey stayed in Mineral with Nellie Mae and Wally. Approximately 25 of us gathered at Virginia Hall that day. The ranks have thinned since then.

This year the College provided and served the refreshments for the Golden Society. We met in the same parlor in Virginia Hall, but the room had recently been beautifully redecorated. I mention this for you who were with us 10 years ago but had to join us in spirit and thought this time.

In November, **Urple Cashion Taylor** '35 wrote regarding the scholarship fund being discussed by the Golden Society. She thinks the idea is a wonderful gesture and plans to contribute. Even though she was not a member of our class, some will remember her, so I will share some of her letter with you. She taught in Alexandria for 33 years. When her husband retired, they returned home to Chesterfield County. She taught there for nine years and in 1975-76 she was chosen Teacher of the Year. In January 1989, her husband had a massive stroke. He talks and hears little but never complains. Once a week she gets him into the car, and they both take care of errands. She mentions that although her teaching field was math, she stays frustrated trying to figure out the forms demanded by physicians, hospitals, and insurance companies. Many of us can sympathize with her.

In August, I was fortunate to attend a meeting of our alumni board of directors. These are the people who keep our alumni association running so smoothly and efficiently. You will find their names at the bottom of your *MWC Today*'s Table of Contents page. If you receive mail from any in this group, please read it carefully and cooperate with their request if at all possible. They are working for *you*.

Finally, grateful thanks to each of you who have contributed to the College over the years. Nothing is too small because it all makes our Golden Society Scholarship Fund grow. Did you know that tuition alone is now $3,206 for Virginia students? This does not include room and board or books.

Break the winter monotony by writing to me so I'll have something for next time.

1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore
107 Manteo Ave.
Hampton, VA 23661

Adelle Mansfield Goodwin's husband, Sam, died in June 1994 after a lengthy illness. Adelle now lives in the Orange Home for Adults, a wing of the nursing home where Sam lived. She writes: "I am well cared for and content here and not far from family and friends." Adelle, we are thinking of you and your family.

Our 60th reunion will be held *next year*. **Frances Liebenow Armstrong** has some interesting plans for us, other than reunion activities. As I recall, we had our first reunion in 1937.

Page Whitehead Hladky traveled to Savannah, Ga., last spring, and in July to the Carolinas and Annapolis to visit friends. She also goes once a month to see her 95-year-old sister in Alexandria. In July, **Marjorie Dement Britton** '37 and husband Billy visited **Dorothy McGuire Bunch** at her cottage in Sandbridge.

Louise Jennings Creamer wrote: "This has been a wonderful year for seeing all my immediate family. Sally has been living in Lynchburg since 1989, and it's a joy having her here. Judith and her husband, Larry, of San Francisco, visited me in March, and Bob, his wife, Nancy, and son Jonathan visited me in July from Menlo Park, Calif. My granddaughters live and work in San Francisco. I hope to see them soon. Last October they came for my birthday."

Vernie Blankinship Knight writes me often. Vernie and her husband, Bus, attended his 65th reunion at the University of Virginia.

In her last letter she wrote: "My grandson, John III, had a month's vacation from his job with the Symphony Orchestra in Spain. He came to Virginia for part of it. Granddaughter Ibby left the day her school closed to visit her brother in Spain for three weeks. She teaches 20 little 5-year-old children in a multinational class in Evanston, Ill. While in Spain, she heard John in concert in Madrid, Valladolid and Salamance.

"Grandson Matthew went to Mexico for a week with a church group to build shacks for the refugees along the border. Grandson Will went to a church camp in North Carolina. He did a lot of praying and learned to water ski."

Stewart Jones wrote that she calls the summer of 1993 the "Little Red Barn Summer." In last winter's issue of *MWC Today*, she wrote of her efforts to save the barn which stood in the way of expansion of the elementary school and its playground. It was moved across the road to a field Stewart owns. The building was dedicated to her. In December 1993 they had a community Christmas party there. It was a fun evening, with about 150 people attending. In 1994, she had some work done on her rental property. She is pleased with the results and hopes the house will be a pleasure and comfort to those living in it.

For three years Stewart has been one of the trustees of the Presbytery of the James. The meetings are called only when necessary, but as a member of the New Church Committee, she attends monthly meetings of the Presbytery Division of Church Development and Redevelopment. The work is rewarding, and Stewart enjoys the fellowship of the meetings. She frequently sees Dr. Alvey, who is still very much a writer. They are both members of Jawbones, a local organization of persons interested in research.

Stewart received a nice letter from **Margaret Pritchette Hurlbut**, one of her roommates in Frances Willard in 1933-34. Her note was a voice from the past. She reminisced about Stewart's mother sending fudge which they all enjoyed. Margaret, whose husband died several years ago, lives in Lake Wales, Fla.

Mary Frances Rowe Varner had a pleasant trip to France in April. In July she went to Hilton Head, S.C., to see Dave's M.I.T. roommate and his wife.

I heard from **Edna Lovering** on my birthday. In July I went to San Francisco to visit my family. One day I went shopping with Cindy to buy T.J. his uniform to wear to a Catholic kindergarten. He says people say to him, "Hi, Sailor."

Please plan to come to our 60th reunion! I'd love to hear from you.

1938

Helen Pressley Voris
6086 Old Lawyers Hill Road
Elk Ridge, MD 21227

1940

Mabel Layman Behrens
Box 117
Dabneys, VA 23102

The business section of *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* recently reported that **Emma Ziegler Brown** had been elected president of the Retreat Health System Inc. This is the parent company of Retreat Hospital, a 230-bed, acute-care hospital, founded by women in 1877. **Charlotte Booker Tuggle** '39 is its corporate secretary.

To prepare myself for winter, I have made plans to take my fourth cruise on the *QE2*. Our ports of call will be St. Martin, Barbados and Antigua. I have been to all of them several times, but I usually find something new and interesting on each visit.

In the spring of 1995 I will have completed my five years as class agent. Surely one of you on the 1940 alumni list will take over after that!

1942

Office of Alumni Programs
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Fredericksburg, VA 22402

1944

Jayne Anderson Bell
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Fort Mill, SC 29715-8302

The biggest event for all of us in '94 was our Golden Reunion. Some of us had not returned for 50 years, but there were 85 of us back on campus! It was announced that this was a record number for the 50th reunion! Also, the Class of '44 has the distinction of being the highest donors in scholarship funding.

The running thread through all your letters acknowledged the red carpet treatment we received, so warm and gracious. Efficient organization behind the scenes by our class leaders, alumni staff and student volunteers was apparent as we moved from event to event, enjoying each other as we went.

We were housed in the newest dorm, aptly called New Dorm while awaiting a better name, complete with elevator and air conditioning. Most everybody mentioned the AC but with a light touch. Neither the frigid first night nor the mysterious malady some encountered on Sunday diminished the exceeding joy of being back on The Hill.

The campus around the many new buildings has retained the interesting landscaping, and the newer structures are architecturally complementary to the buildings familiar to us. **Edie Mays Thomas** expressed our feelings when she wrote, "The campus is as beautiful as I remembered. We are so grateful for the guidance that keeps it so."

Some things we missed were the clock that chimed every quarter hour from Washington Tower, the alma mater as we knew it, the Hall of Mirrors, the wide halls and unlocked doors we knew in Willard, and the wisteria vines that clung to the walls of Monroe Hall.

Most of you mentioned how wonderful we all are! **Anna Roberts Ware** summed it up, "The Class of '44 is a great mutual admiration society." **Virginia Pumphrey Webb** put it into perspective: "I agree the Class of '44 was special. We did, however, attend Mary Washington at a special time in history. We were sophomores when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and we graduated shortly before D-Day. By that time the Germans had been defeated in N. Africa, and the Allies had invaded Italy. Everyone knew the most logical step would be the opening of a second front in Europe. The question was where and when."

Memories came flooding back as I read Virginia's letter. They were growing-up years for us, learning who we were as young women in a world at war. Our fathers, brothers and sweethearts were serving their country on all fronts. On campus, although insulated in many respects from the tragedy of war, we were selling and buying war stamps and bonds. Mrs. Bushnell was giving us nightly reports on the progress of the war. The Victory Chorus was broadcasting weekly from the studio in Washington Hall under the theme "A Call to Victory and Song." It was my privilege to direct the chorus at this time of patriotic fervor.

Virginia's letter continued, "We graduated with high hopes. We believed the Allies would win the war. We were prepared to do our bit to rebuild the world after the war was over. Well, we did our bit and are still doing it — through service to our communities, churches, various worthy causes, and raising our families." We are proud of our families. Thanks, Virginia. Yes, there is a God in heaven, and He has blessed us beyond measure!

Thanks from all of us to you who served on the Reunion Committee: **Jean Adie Mogavero**, class agent; **Christine Vassar Crute** and **Jean DeShazo Flemer**, correspondence; **Rebecca Engleman Russell** for the super job on the booklet; and **Nancy Duval Andrews**, fund chairman and ever-present encourager to "come on back." Our thanks also to Dean Alvey and Dr. Dodd for their presence at the banquet and other events. I discovered that they have amazingly detailed memories of us as individuals.

At the class meeting, **Leah Fleet Waller** said, "We sounded like we did 50 years ago, long on talking and giggling and short on keeping quiet." I say, "We needed more time to be together as '44ers, then we wouldn't have been so giddy during our one-time session." Cheers for **Monika Dahl Scott** for the tremendous effort she made to be with us in spite of being on wheels. To all of you who raised a hand indicating that you would write me and have kept your word — great accolades and thanks!

Cited before are some *things* on campus that we missed. More significantly are *you*, the individuals, whom we missed. We especially honor **Anne**, **Kilby** and **Tracy**, three who have kept in touch through the years but could not be with us.

Anne Marshall Morgan, gallant lady that she is, fights the good fight against muscular dystrophy. It was Anne who led a one-woman campaign to move several of us to come to the reunion. She wrote, she called, and she scolded every negative thought that might have come from our lips. She won out. Three of us came, two with husbands, and because we came, others also caught the vision. Unfortunately, Anne and Wayne were unable to be present with us when reunion day came. Wonderful news! **Frances Plunkett Knox** and husband Bill made a video of the festivities and took Reunion '94 to Anne in Macon, Ga., on their way home to Merrifield, Minn.

We missed Dr. **Emelia-Lou Kilby**, retired

p.e. professor and now a resident of Sunrise in Arlington, Va. After many years as swimming instructor, she suffered a severe stroke, but is now back "in the swim." A copy of the *Sunrise Times*, received through **Nettie Evans Lawrey**, reports that Dr. Kilby was instrumental in the formation of an aquatic program at Sunrise. The following poem by Kilby tells her poignant story:

Feeling Free
In warm water feeling free
I'm in a pool, not the sea
No wheelchair now is holding me
This is where I'd rather be.
Paralysis is a chore
What, I wondered, was in store
If I can't swim as before.....
Adapt the strokes, try some more.
Tho' I can't walk or stand
Moving through water, I can
Feeling free again, thanks to Jan
Step by step, steadied by her hand.
Both arms and legs want to go
My arms are strong, my legs not so
Freestyle, backstroke to and fro
Wonderful to move again, I know.

Three cheers for Kilby. Another victory won! You may write her at: Sunrise of Arlington, 2000 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207.

Frances Tracy is back in the states, having served in Brazil and Guyana as a Christian missionary and now retired to her home in Willow Street, Pa. I talked with her by phone and the following is taken from that conversation: "After graduation at age 21, I went into the Navy for one and a half years. Later I attended Philadelphia College of the Bible for three years. Subsequently, I earned an M.A. in linguistics from the University of Pa. The organization that sent me into the mission field was U.F.M. International, which stands for Unevangelized Field Mission. We use the letters now because some would introduce the missionaries as 'the unevangelized missionaries!' Under U.F.M. I spent 10 years in Brazil with Indians who spoke several different dialects.

"After Brazil I was sent to Guyana and spent 27 years there. Twenty-one of those years were served with Beverly Dawson, who remains in Guyana. For us, every day was an adventure, sometimes hazardous. We wished to be 'in a rut' just once!" Now living in Willow Valley Lakes in beautiful Lancaster County, Pa., Tracy said that she would do some translating work.

Tracy reminded me of MWC memories: "I think back in Willard was the most fun. Remember the night we slammed all the doors? Someone would shine a flashlight on each window as a signal to slam one's door! Then there was the time we threw toilet paper down the stairs, causing it to unroll as it went." Onward and upward, Tracy, in your new calling!

Kathleen Goffigon Huston writes, "It just occurred to me that the most favorite people in my life are all MWC graduates (you and "Cumby" of course). On my 1994 trip to Virginia, I stayed with my cousin, **Liz Goffigon Johns** '45, at Virginia Beach. Next year will be her big 50th celebration. Liz and I were driven to MWC by **Sallie Jacob**, who was my freshman roommate. On the Eastern Shore of Virginia, I stayed with my cousin, **Jewel Hallett Goffigon**, who graduated in 1939. Her daughter, **Ruby Goffigon** '80, was there visiting her mom."

Round Robin from **Bertha McPhail Johnson** says that she tries to keep in touch with **Emmy Lou Kilby**. The group, including Bertha, **Martha Scott Rogers**, **Katherine "Doodie" Tompkins-Brumble**, and **Grace McKinnon Ball**, plan to visit Kilby soon.

Ilva Haynie Doggett writes her appreciation for the Golden Society stick pin. She, her husband, and their daughter, Amy, planned a two-week trip to Alaska in September. They celebrated their 50th anniversary on Dec. 10. Congratulations, Ilva and John!

Thank you for your good wishes as I take on this new assignment as class agent. What do you say? Shall we meet again on The Hill in '95 and/or in mini-reunions around the country? Wouldn't it be something for Golden Girls to outnumber the '45ers returning for their reunion? Love to all.

1946

Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe (Mrs. Coy E.)
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I was pleased to learn from **Elaine "Sally" Heritage Jordan**, chair of our 50th reunion gift committee, that our class had received one sizable gift and a number of pledges from class members, so we have made a start toward our 50th reunion class gift. We will all need to do our part to support this project in order to reach our goal.

Miriam "Mim" Riggs Gay wrote that she had talked to **Mildred "Mickey" Dixon Sullivan**, and they were making plans to go to Nags Head, N.C., in September. **Betty Atkins Powers** sent Mim a card from New Mexico while she was on a tour with members of the N.C. Museum of History Associates, and stated that she had seen her first double rainbow. There must be a lot of mini-reunions by phone, as Mim had talked to **Janice Worsley Mayberry** and **Louise Boyer McKenna**. It is good to know so many are keeping in touch. Louise sent a picture she had taken of me on horseback in 1945, which she found in "clearing out" in preparing to move to a retirement center in a couple of years.

Betty Lou Loftis Bailey wrote that her husband, Purnell, is a retired United Methodist minister and writer. His column, "Our Daily Bread," appears in a number of newspapers. Betty Lou had talked with **Elizabeth "Libba" Harrison Leitch**, who now lives in Mitchellville, Md. Libba was our senior class president, who worked in the Register of Wills office for Prince George County for a number of years. She and her husband, John, are now retired, and they have one son, Bernard.

It was nice to get acquainted with **Barbara Ann Rudolph** on the phone last year. She lives in Independence, Va., and attended MWC for one year, 1942-43. Barbara worked for 41 years for the county school board in the treasury department. While at MWC she lived at Cornell Hall, and one of her suitemates was **Frances Hetzler Ungar**. The last time Barbara heard from her, she had suffered a stroke. That was several years ago. If anyone has recent news of Frances, please send it to me, as the College no longer has her current address.

Ann Briesmaster Robertson was looking forward to going on a tour to Myrtle Beach, S.C., in October. She is very involved with her family and was making plans to have her three daughters, two sisters and their families over for a family reunion in September.

"Sally" Heritage Jordan attended the memorial service for **Jean Carl** on June 5, 1994. Jean, involved in education all her life, retired in 1984 after more than 30 years as a professor at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. We were sorry to learn that Sally lost her mother in June. We extend our sympathies to both of these families.

By the time you read this, it will be only a little more than a year until we gather to celebrate our 50th reunion. Time is flying — so start making plans to attend, and contact roommates and friends and encourage them to meet you at MWC.

1948

Bette Worsham Hawkins
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Richmond, VA 23233

Having survived a summer move to a new address, followed by a month in England, I was pleased as well as surprised that I could remember where I put my MWC files.

Marianne King Frazier has a waterfront home at Virginia Beach, as well as a 29-foot motor home. She and her husband winter in Florida or Mexico. She sounds very busy — two children, three grandchildren, UDC, genealogy, gardening, and camping.

Frances Belman Haddock has been taking art classes at the Virginia Museum. She wrote that a second Entre Nous group meeting was tentatively scheduled, but I've heard nothing more.

Can you imagine **Bobbie Anne Hough McConnell** taking time to answer the questionnaire just *hours* before leaving for a two-week trip to England! She spent the summer at the shore and planned to visit grandchildren in Atlanta and D.C.

Easter found **Sylvia Sheaks Moore** and **Charlotte Smith Hill** at the Conway, S.C., home of **Marie Adams Griffith** for their first mini-reunion. They are planning on MWC in 1998. Charlotte went to San Clemente, Calif., this summer to meet her first grandchild. How very special to hear from **Edith Matzenger Balfe** in Seabrook, Texas. Living on a lake, she and husband John have a boat at their back door. Often they sit on the fantail sipping wine while they watch the sun go down. It does sound serene.

Ruth Gilmer Huettel has been in Kingsport, Tenn., for 17 years. She and Joe visit their sons and families in Pittsburgh, Coral Springs and Palo Alto — weren't those boys considerate to spread themselves around! Makes for three good trips a year! The Huettels golf, hike, play bridge and eat out — there are many pluses to being retirees. Ruth sees **Betty Meade Thornton** and **Phyllis Cassell Rogers** from time to time.

Justine Edwards Borland and David took a beautiful tour of the West this summer. **Carol Byrd Williamson** has moved to condo living in Charlottesville. Recently **Betsy**

Robertson and I spent a weekend with Byrd at her house in Wintergreen, Va. She asks if anyone has the answer to foot problems (and she doesn't mean Easy Spirits!) to please call her. **Anne Barnes Baugh** has moved from the West Coast to a 16th-floor apartment in Alexandria, Va. She is having a wonderful time doing weekly volunteer work at the White House. In Danville, Va., **Ellen Dyer Davis** chaired her high school's 50th homecoming this summer, and I understand from Betsy that it was a real gala. **Norvell Millner Hodges** and **Gurdine Link Bliss** were there.

As Ruth expressed it so well, "The things that keep us 'humming' seem so unimportant, but they are life, and are the activities through which we became friends at MWC." **Bobbie Hough** wrote, "I like hearing about anyone from our class." So with those two statements to go on, it's up to you. We like to hear from our friends whether there's any news or not, so please send me a note that I can share with others.

1950

Dorothy Held Gawley
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Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

I want to remind everyone that our 45th reunion is just around the corner, June 2-4, 1995. Now is the time for you to contact your former roomies and make plans to get together in Fredericksburg.

Barbara Malone Crookshanks, editor of the *Fredericksburg Tideland Times*, a monthly publication, has received several awards in the 1993-94 Virginia Press Women communications contest. She won first place for general or specialized magazine, regularly edited. She also received awards for historical articles which detailed the visits of U.S. presidents to Fredericksburg, and for the biography of Nelly Custis Lewis. She has received two third-place awards as well.

Mim Sollows Wieland and Earl took a National Geographic tour in May which included one week in Switzerland and one in Italy; then they spent time at their home on Cape Cod. All of their children and families had an opportunity to spend time in Eastham.

Irv and I took a week away from our summer home to visit older son Bill and family in Maine, and from there drove to Canada. Also spent a week in Bolton Valley, Vt.

1952

Barbara Burgess Wassell
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Lexington, VA 24450

I've just taken over the job of class correspondent from **Ann Gaines Louisell**, who is enjoying a well-earned rest.

A group of the Virginia contingent of 1952 gets together once a year on the last Tuesday in July for a mini-reunion. This year nine of us met for lunch in Richmond and, I must say, everybody who was there looked smashing! Some classmates sent regrets but plan to meet next July when we'll be getting together in Charlottesville. Mark it on your calendar and try to come. Interestingly, out of the nine who were there, four are widowed: **Gwen Amory Cumming**, **Edith "Sissy" Davis Fletcher Prillaman**, **Suzanne Branner Kessler** and me. To balance things, however, we have a new bride, **Nancy Parker Richardson**. Also in the group were **Rita Morgan Stone**, **Mary Anne Jones Beard**, **Dorothy Davis Craig**, **Charlotte Adams Harrell**, and **Janet Heilmann Meador**.

Charlotte looked marvelously tan and fit and stays that way by playing a lot of tennis. Rita and her husband have been busy renovating her family home. Besides that overwhelming task, she's also active in the American Cancer Society's Reach for Recovery program. Janet's husband, who is retired from the faculty of the law school at U.Va., recently had a book published. They live in Charlottesville.

Gwen is on the board of the Library of Virginia and the board of the Sentara Health System. Along with this, she has two grandchildren, who keep her really busy.

Sissy returned to her hometown of Lexington in 1989 after her husband, David Fletcher, died. She was married three years ago to John Prillaman, a retired major general in the Army. Tragically, he died six months later, but Sissy, with her usual indomitable spirit, is doing just great. She's president of her garden club and is active in many things in Lexington.

Dot and her husband are into an up-and-coming trend — croquet. If there's a match near you, look for them. Susy's youngest, a son, was married in November. She has three grandchildren in North Carolina, and they were all together at the beach in September. Mary Anne lives in Portsmouth and looks exactly like she once did. All she needed was a beanie and it would have been 1948.

A few bits and pieces of news that I gathered at the luncheon: **Alice Carrol Wycoff** and her husband moved to Lexington and bought a beautiful home with a breathtaking view of the mountains. **Betsy Montgomery Handy** lives in Powhatan, Va., and continues to work for Philip Morris. And speaking of working, **Anne Chase** is in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, working with the U.S. Navy as a social worker. Anne was my senior year roommate, so we keep in touch. After being married, having three children, then divorcing and getting a master's in social work, she started going all over the world for the U.S. government.

As for me, a few years after my husband died, I went traveling around the country trying to decide where I wanted to live, and I chose Lexington. I've redone a farm house on a creek and continue my storytelling, which I've been doing for about seven years.

Please send me notes, cards, letters, just anything. If you don't send me news, I'll make it up, and you'll be sorry!

1954

Vera Bestwick Willis
407 Thomas St.
Alexandria, VA 22302

I need to hear from you, otherwise there will be no news for the 1954 class. Please write or call me.

Ellen Royston Myrick and Cecil are enjoying retirement in the mountains of N.C. Cecil's mother lives with them. One of their sons, Ken, their daughter-in-law and their granddaughter live in Asheville. Their other son, Carl, lives in Charlotte. Ellen's hobbies are reading, quilting and gardening.

Helen Wilbur Vogel says if any of you are at Tysons Corner, come by and see her at Lord and Taylor, where she works. **Betty Bartz Bradford** is looking forward to retirement in the near future.

Many of our classmates traveled a long way in order to come to the reunion. **Elizabeth Baylor Neatrour** was with us Friday, June 3, but she had to go to Texas to give a speech on Sunday.

I expect a lot of news from the rest of you between now and the next *MWC Today*.

1956

Louise Robertson-Monroe
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Richmond, VA 23221

1958

Cynthia West Benney
3 Peabody Ave.
Marblehead, MA 01945

Lucy West Preston
2 Nearfield Road
Lutherville, MD 21093

The notes continue to stagger in. Keep up the good work.

Judith Pyrke Orrell has three grandchildren. Owning her own jewelry design business keeps her very busy. In 1993, she and Robert traveled to Europe, Canada and throughout the USA. Last year she visited with her roommates, **Jane Crenshaw Baugh** in McLean, Va., and **Yvonne Lewis Alexander**.

Patricia Allison Helwig has one son, Randy, who is a CPA, and two daughters, Allison, a dental hygienist, and Kerry, who is working on her master's in education. She also has two granddaughters. Her days are kept busy working in a medical office, playing tennis, and attending her investment club. She is active in the church and the McLean women's Bible study. In the fall, she's planning a cruise.

Barbara Thompson Patterson's husband is a pilot, based out of Miami. This gives her the opportunity to travel. Barbara has one daughter who lived with them while their house was rebuilt after Hurricane Andrew, and she travels frequently to Houston to visit her grandson.

Evelyn Breeden McKnight is personnel administrator for the Dept. of Corrections in Kentucky and cares for her mother, who lives with her. Evelyn has a daughter, Meg, who is married and lives in Chicago, and a son, Doug, who lives in Greensboro and works for WKRR.

Kay Martin Britto, who has many wonderful children, retired from her job in May with plans to move from Fairfax to Wrightsville Beach, N.C. She and Nelson spent last Christmas in Budapest and Vienna with their two daughters and had a wonderful trip.

Nancy Doner Salmon is substitute teaching in the Sparta, N.J., township school system, is co-chairman of the Sparta summer Friday night concerts, and a member of the Lake Mohawk Marine Services in the summer. This gives her the responsibility to inspect boats on the lake. She also serves as a

hostess at the house tours and works with the hospital auxiliary in Sparta. In the winter, Nancy is an avid skier, and in the summer she bikes, sails and plays tennis. Nancy is membership chairman of the local AAUW branch.

Mary Townsend Bates lives in Falls Church, Va., and has been working as a files communication specialist for 17 years. She has worked for nine separate agencies and is currently at the U.S. Treasury. Her roommate in her sophomore and junior years was **E.J. McNeeley Whitley** '59. Mary reports that E.J. is in Fairfax Hospital with a long-term illness.

In closing we would like to say we have been thrilled to hear from so many of our classmates and to learn that so many of you are already planning for our big 40th reunion in 1998.

1960

Patricia Garvin Dyke
1921 Albion Road
Midlothian, VA 23113

1962

Mary Chambers Hodnett Minozzi
9645 Hoke-Brady Road
Richmond, VA 23231

To all you wonderful classmates — please write and share some news. Your letters need not be formal and lengthy; just tidbits of information would be great.

Garnette Lewis Doggett and her husband, Billy, will be grandparents again. October '94 was the due date for her daughter, Annette. Garnette and Billy are continuing their work in Pro-line underground dog fencing and are still selling dealerships.

Tina Hutcheson Olson and her husband, Ole, enjoy working for themselves in the hand-cast stoneware business called POD. They went to South Dakota for a week in June, where they enjoyed a family reunion and fishing for perch. Before leaving, they managed to launch their boat and put in raspberries and asparagus.

Our daughter, Mary Glenn, gave me a Maltese kitten for Mother's Day since we had lost a beloved cat. Velvet is as fast as a bullet and as sharp as a tack. She misses nothing and hides *all* pencils. Oh, to be so carefree.

Ann Tench Huml and I are trying to come up with some activities that you and your spouses would enjoy at our next reunion. Everything will eventually be pulled together with the coordinators, hopefully for a memorable weekend with very few "no-shows"!

I'm teaching all life science this year — love those seventh-graders!

1964

Frances Page Loftis
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South Boston, VA 24592-1535

Helen Vakos Standing
421 Goodspeed Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

From Frances:

I want all of you to send your news so you'll be featured in the fall issue. My greatest accomplishment (forget the three degrees) is that I finally learned to use WordPerfect. I took a class during my planning period with former students who knew more about computers than I.

I have been getting together with a number of MWC friends recently and have enjoyed seeing them again. First, I would like to congratulate **Sandra Bossuot Wainright** on 30 years of marriage. She and husband Bill have traveled a lot this year on a sort of sentimental journey. Sandy, who used to work for state government, now works as a historical interpreter at Berkeley Plantation.

Patricia Hess Jernigan and husband David both work for Galaxy Computer Services in Santa Fe, N.M. Pat has retired as a colonel in the Army after 28 years of service. She has a master of arts from the University of Southern California and graduated from the Army War College.

Barbara Ioanes, a quality assurance analyst for computer software with the U.S. Government Services Agency, lives in D.C. with her husband and son. She says not to believe everything bad you hear about D.C. It's been great for her. Barbara spent a glorious year of adventure in Greece in the '60s.

Betty Jennings Peterson is a health physicist with the Dept. of the Army's Armament, Munitions, and Chemical Command. Her husband, Mel, is a professor of chemistry and director of the planetarium/observatory at Augustana College. The Petersons, who have a daughter and son-in-law, live in Moline, Ill.

Barbara Kellam Latham has returned to the U.S. after six years in Switzerland. Evidently culture shock was a problem when they returned. Barbara and husband Roger, who is a chemist with duPont, live in Wilmington, Del. They have two daughters, Katherine and **Sara** '92.

Roberta Mellor Tilden and husband Douglas live in Chapel Hill, N.C. Roberta received a master's from the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill and works as a collection development librarian at Durham County Library. Douglas is a programmer/analyst at Duke. They have two sons.

I am still a foreign language teacher at Central of Lunenburg High School in Victoria, Va.

From Helen:

I attended our 30th class reunion in June and volunteered to serve as class agent. I hope that I can do as good a job as **Susan Orebaugh** has for the past five years! Thanks, Susan, for a job well done!

After many great phone calls during the winter, I met seven friends in Richmond for a mini-reunion on Friday of Reunion Weekend. **Joanne Crockett Lewis, Becky Spears Wright, Sally Crenshaw Witt** and I stayed in Sally's condo in Richmond. **Sara Page Cosby Mayo, Diane Dorin Clark, Sue Parker Burton** and **Barbara Humphries Davenport** came for dinner and lots of talking. After exchanging pictures, we all pored over Sally's scrapbook! Thanks to Sally's great mind, the memories just seemed to come back. There was news of the girls in our suites in the last issue of *MWC Today* with the exception of **Sally Crenshaw Witt**, who teaches elementary school in Winston-Salem, N.C. **Sue Parker Burton** will be a grandmother in November. Her daughter, Virginia, who met her husband while working for us, now lives in New Jersey.

On Saturday we headed for MWC. About 30 classmates attended. We stayed in two rooms at the Richard Johnston Inn in downtown Fredericksburg. I was especially glad to see my old friend, **Nancy Hewetson Cooke**, and to learn that her parents are doing well. As you all may remember, Dr. Hewetson was chairman of the Economics Department. **Susan Carter Tyler** was at the reunion, too. She and Nancy are both teaching in the local school system.

Margaret Cseplo Schriber and **Judith Finger Bradley** came from Maryland. Margaret has three sons and teaches math at the Academy of the Holy Cross. Judy is the librarian at the same school. She has a son, a daughter and one granddaughter. I am happy to say that Judy has the same great outlook and sense of humor.

I enjoyed a nice chat with **Jean Gano Neisius**, who came all the way from Texas. Her son, Brandon, who lives in Virginia Beach, came by our restaurant. I'm sorry I was gone, but my son was able to meet and talk with him. Jean enjoyed the reunion and says she'll be back.

On Saturday after our class pictures, we went to the library, which is no longer the way we remember it. All of us had warm thoughts of Dr. Carroll Quenzel! We visited our suites in Randolph and went to the class meeting in the parlor. Everyone promised to return in five or 10 years.

I think I speak for everyone when I say that it was well worth the time and effort to return to MWC after 30 years. Many of our classmates had not returned during this time. Most of us were amazed that we could pick up right where we left off 30 years ago!

I will be sending out a questionnaire in the spring and hope to hear from many people! You may write, or call (804)428-2583 or fax (804)428-3644 before 11 a.m. any day of the week. Better yet, if you are in Virginia Beach, call or come by with your news.

1966

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This is the first time I haven't heard from anybody since I became class agent. Perhaps the timing is slightly off this year. With the D.C.-Metro chapter's annual picnic falling after the publication deadline, I don't have anything to report. I usually run into several of you at the Fairfax County teacher inservices, but not this year. So please call or write soon to make our next issue more informative!

1968

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1970

Rochele Stansell Hirsch
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1972

Anne Toms Richardson
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1974

Alice Harding Thomas
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Janelle Hicks Wesenberg
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Greetings from your new class agents! It was wonderful to see those of you who came to the reunion in June. Twenty is an important milestone. It is nice to see old acquaintances and check out how beautiful the campus still is, along with all the additions.

Alice is active in church and community activities in Virginia Beach with husband Robert and daughters Campbell, 10, and Corbin, 12. They reached another major milestone recently with Robert getting out of the Navy and going into practice with an attorney in Virginia Beach.

Cindy Kear had hoped to fly in from San Francisco for the reunion but was in the midst of selling her software company. **Amy Harrier Hathaway** scorned the reunion again for reasons we still do not quite understand; we have tried cajoling and even shaming her and she still refuses. In any case, she is enjoying life in Virginia Beach with husband Pete, daughter Blake, 12, and son Chase, 7. She and Alice get together occasionally.

It was a treat to see **Marcia Westerman Neighbors** at the reunion. She is busy in Fincastle, Va., with husband Mack and their children, Chad, 16, Christine, 15, and Ginni Ellen, 4. Marcia is teaching music in the schools and also finds time for teaching private piano lessons, sewing, church music and renovating their 1832 house.

I stay busy with my two girls, Marta, 4, and Kelsey, 6, and with church activities. My husband, Rick, is an engineer with NASA. You know that Alice and I need to hear from you or I may start writing about what order my girls' baby teeth are coming out! So be sure to write!

1976

Judy Sledge Joyce
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It was a mini-reunion for the Class of '76 at the wedding of **Susan Grimes** and Scott Thompson. The wedding was held in Stowe, Vt., at a beautiful bed and breakfast, the same place where "Ordinary People" was filmed. Susan's son, Benjamin, 5, took part in the ceremony. Class members attending were: **Jan Biermann, Carolyn Roberts, Judy Joyce** and **Laura Toler**. We all had a great time and ate lots of M&M's.

I don't know if any of us made it to the original Woodstock back in 1969, but Laura had the chance to attend the 25-year anniversary reunion. She's a reporter in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and had the assignment of covering the event.

1978

Elizabeth Somerville Hutchins
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1980

Barbara Pittman Ferrier
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From **Suzanne Ross Bevan**:

Vicky Nichols Wilder and I have big plans for the June reunion at MWC this year. Vicky, president of Friends of MWC Dance, is urging all dancers to attend the reunion and help Claudia Moore Read celebrate 50 years of dance at MWC. Activities include a Salute to Doris Humphrey Concert on Friday night, June 2, commemorating her 100th birthday. On Saturday there will be master classes and video showings of dance concerts in the dance studios at Goolrick. From 1-5 p.m. in Ball Circle, there will be a silent book auction of all Mrs. Read's dance books. She has donated them to Friends of MWC Dance and all of the proceeds from this auction will go towards the endowment of the scholarship in her name.

I am secretary of the Friends of MWC Dance, (and new grandmother!) and will be on hand Saturday at the giant tea party and book auction along with Mrs. Read, under the tent in Ball Circle. I keep in close touch with **Lisa Howard** and **Ann Pflugshaupt.** Every time I see them I marvel at how young and beautiful they are. My husband thinks that they have just stayed in their early 20s. Vicky still looks as gorgeous as she always was except she has that motherly glow about her. Now, I have that grandmotherly glow! It's wonderful!

1982

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From Marty:

It was wonderful to hear from so many of you, and I especially appreciated the personal notes and letters that you took time to write. Here goes...**Erin Devine** and husband Phil welcomed their third child this August. Caroline Devine Keating joins big sister Kathleen and big brother Patrick. **Paula Garten Bracken** is busy enjoying her 1-year-old daughter, Maeve, and was looking forward to the birth of baby number two in November. Erin also reported on classmate **Dan Hudson,** who plays father of three with wife Lori in the Chicago area. **Kathleen Downes Guzi** and Tom are the parents of two children, Patrick and Moira. They live in Roanoke. **Mike Bennett** is happy and well in Manhattan and was nice enough to host me "again" for my summer vacation in East Hampton.

I was happy to hear from **Jackie Tanous**, who called me soon after she received my letter. Jackie has been busy at the Marriott Corporation for the last eight or so years, is living in Bethesda, and looks wonderful and happy. **Barbara Cahill Silvers** is currently living in New Jersey underwriting and managing an attorneys' malpractice insurance program for the state of California. Barbara and husband Dave are expecting their second child in January. Daughter Marisa is three. On her vacation in North Carolina, Barbara had the chance to visit **Margaret Demars Trap** and her daughter, Catherine. **Trenda Powell Jacocks** is situated at Fort Bragg, N.C., with husband Jake and daughters Brittany and Mary Carter. Trenda is busily involved with the girls' activities as well as serving as an elder in her church. Happy to hear her parents and sister are also well!

Georgiana Hall and husband Carlos Rodriguez-Feo are living in Miami, where Georgiana is pursuing new interests. She has been raising and breeding all sorts of exotic turtles, which has turned her on to possibly going back to school to become a doctor of veterinary medicine. **Catherine Miller Canty** and husband Paul currently live in Woodlake, Va., with their two sons and welcome visitors. Sounds like a nice place to visit, Cathy! **Barbara Naumann Nelson** and her husband, Jack, have three children. Now that all of them are school age, Barbara will be rejoining the work force.

Vicki Haynes Morris and her family of four have relocated to Neenah, Wis., where Rick is working for Kimberly-Clark. From the sounds of Vicki's note, it is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. **Ruth Dawson Jones** is also a full-time mommy and is busy with her two children, Trent and Rebecca, not to mention husband Robert. **Terry Banta Winkowski** and Tom are living in Huntington Beach, Calif. A while back, Terry earned her master's degree from U.Va. and has worked as a speech/language pathologist. They are expecting their first child.

I was touched to receive a long letter from former Framar-housemate **Cindy Field Blythe**. Cindy, a mother of two, travels quite a bit with husband Rob, a flier in the U.S. Navy. Navy life has obviously been rewarding and a bit stressful (Rob flew missions in Desert Storm). We are happy to have them back East, just outside of Annapolis, Md. During these years, Cindy earned a master's degree in recreating programming and administration and is now planning to begin her own business.

Lisa Johnson Dunlap also wrote a long and newsy letter. A mother of three, Lisa received a master's degree in cartography, and lives in the mountains of Rockbridge County. She is now a full-time mom. Husband "Hootie" serves as breadwinner. Lisa also writes about her best friend and ex-roommate, **Becky**. Becky and Mike have a son and two daughters. Dan and **Elizabeth Hayden Davenport** are parents of two children and live the Navy life that moves them around the country

every couple of years. They are currently in Norfolk but expect a relocation to D.C. in the near future. **Ruth Willis Mannino** has been working at the World Bank since 1982. She and Phil are parents of two.

Ramiro E. Wong and wife Betty hail from a far distance these days — Guatemala, where Ramiro runs a computer consulting company serving the banking and financial companies in Latin America. **Tara Corrigall** is continuing her work with MWC alumni activities and is still working with PaineWebber. **Karen Coleman Mason** and husband Michael have three boys. Karen has been a teacher for 11 years and is working on a master's in education at Old Dominion University.

Jane Howard Burke has two children. She is teaching at Pearl Sample Elementary. She and Jeffrey sound as though they are doing well. **Amy Perdue** has been directing, choreographing, and stage managing for the Richmond Theater. She was recently hired to choreograph a musical at Longwood College and is an aunt for the first time as well!

Kay Howard-Strobel and Charles are living in Rhode Island with daughter Hannah and son Matt. Kay is commuting to the University of Connecticut's Marine Science where she is a physical oceanographer. Sounds wonderfully exotic, Kay! **Cheryl Foltz Lewis** is the mother of three and works as a digital cartographer.

Susan Rogalski Piper and husband Christopher bought their first house in Weymouth (circa 1880). They have two children. **Rachel McCloud Brooker** has worked for the Defense Mapping Agency since 1982. She has one daughter, four cats, and lots of furballs! She is waiting for husband Mike to retire in seven years when they plan to go off and enjoy retirement!

Carol Gillespie Guerin and husband Ken recently celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary with their three daughters. Carol loves her job working as a legal assistant in Richmond. **Laura Ellis Popkins Richardson** and husband Chuck have two children. Laura taught art for six years. She and Chuck have restored two old houses, and now Laura has her own interior decorating business.

Diana Norton Elwell and her family are pulling up stakes in Fredericksburg for Baltimore, where Michael has been transferred. Diana is busy home schooling her three children and enjoys the rewards of watching them learn. **Elizabeth Meyers** and husband Jon Hangeland were living in Hamilton, N.Y., where Jon was a visiting professor of chemistry at Colgate University. They have settled in Baltimore with their two daughters, and Beth has returned to work as a human resources administrator at Legg Mason. **Heather Colby Archer Mackey** is a mother of two, and is in a part-time job-share position as an environmental planner for Richmond.

Remember **Lori Martin**? She lived on Randolph third with a group of us. She is now a real estate broker/saleswoman and hopes to become a certified appraiser soon. She lives on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with a "wonderful man" and his two daughters, and breeds horses in her spare time. **Hillary Strohmeier-Keel**, currently living and working as a teacher of English as a foreign language in Vienna, Austria, has a son and a daughter. **Mary McClench Keffer** lives on a small dairy farm in rural Craig County, Va. Although Mary quit teaching music in 1986 to become a full-time mother and farmwife, she still does lots of clarinet playing and sometimes conducts the Blacksburg Community Band. She and husband Frank have two children. **Terry Jacoby Goodman** is living in Manhattan with husband Aaron and daughter Emma Jessie. Terry graduated with a master's degree in social work from New York University and received the NYU Alumnae Association "keypin" award for academic excellence and service to the community. She is now a school social worker and expecting a second child in January.

Charles Cushing graduated from Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis a year ago. He has a business in Asheville, N.C., but expects to move to Bowling Green, Va., soon. He and wife Daniele have a beautiful baby. **Clark Little** has been promoted at Dictaphone Corporation to regional health care manager for the eastern region of the company. He and wife Patsy live in the West End of Richmond with their son, Taylor, and are doing well!

I was happy to hear that **Ann Pflugshaupt** is continuing her dance training. She has been on a work scholarship studying with the Eglevsky Ballet, the Briansky Ballet, and spent two summers with the Houston Ballet. This past summer, Ann studied with the Virginia School of the Arts. **Ann Lambert** married Fulton Sensabaugh in Flagstaff, Ariz., in 1992. She works as a loan officer for Signet Mortgage Corporation, and writes that life is good! **Richard Evans** has been busy in the health care field. Richard worked for a health care administration corporation and earned an L.P.N. and an R.N. (licensed practical nurse and registered nurse). He is currently at the Medical College of Virginia pursuing an M.S.N. He has one son, Dean.

Karen Stuckner Finnegan and her husband, Sonny, are planning to build a home in Fredericksburg to get away from the hustle and bustle of Arlington. Karen took a leave of absence from the music business and is concentrating on interior design. **Cheryl Fetterman** is living in Wilmington, N.C., teaching business full time at Cape Fear Community College and part time at the University of North Carolina/Wilmington. She is hoping to start Ph.D. studies in the future — how ambitious! **Meg Gartain** (who many of us remember as Margie White) and husband Victor have one daughter and were expecting their second child Christmas Eve. Meg teaches history and government in Absegami High School in New Jersey.

Marcia Goodwin married Ronnie Sale 11 years ago, and they now have two daughters. In addition to being a mom, Marcia is a school bus driver and substitute teacher as well as a Brownie and Junior Girl Scout leader. She plans to study special education. **Beth Francis** presently works as a transportation planner for Fairfax County and lives in Centreville. She notes that she also completed a master's degree in 1984 from Hollins College in English writing.

The Rev. **Margaret Wood Hodges** is working toward becoming Dr. Hodges! She is studying for a Ph.D. in homiletics and deaf studies with a minor in deaf history. She is a United Methodist chaplain at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. When she is not studying, she spends her time kayaking on various rivers around the world! **Steve Metzger** is living and working as a researcher at World Priorities in Washington, D.C. He lives on Capitol Hill and still plays soccer. He hopes to return to grad school next year.

Susan Midgette Vance finished her undergraduate work at the University of South Carolina. Susan has a B.S. in psychology, which she practices every day on her three kids. She and husband Tim have been enjoying a three-year stint in France, where Tim works for Michelin Tires. **Eleanor Daniels** felt like a college student again when she joined a "European Capitals" tour with first-term summer school students and Professors John Kramer and Porter Blakemore. How come we never had that when we were studying at MWC? She had a wonderful cultural and educational experience and enjoyed meeting the students.

Tracy McComb Brumfield and her husband, David, are living in Newport News, Va., where Tracy works for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. They have one daughter. The Brumfields are busy folks, particularly in the summer months, tending their vegetable garden, canning and freezing. Tracy has been making herb vinegars, butter, and potpourri — too busy to send samples to the class agent, I guess! It sounds wonderfully homey and domestic. **Liane Blake** and her husband, Mike, celebrated 15 years of marriage. They have two children. Liane is working on a master's degree in accounting and business and is working as an accountant for a trade association.

I still live and work in Washington, D.C., and hammer out an occasional Class Notes column! Besides teaching at George Washington University and working at Georgetown University, I have been writing up a storm and was happy to win second place for my play, *Marital Bliss*, in the Washington Theater Festival's 10-Minute Play competition sponsored by the Source Theater Company. Keep those notes and letters coming. Thanks to all who took the time to write!

1984

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From Fernanda:

School is in full swing. I'm beginning my fourth year of teaching at Caroline High School. I have wonderful classes this year, but look forward to talking to adults.

I received a charming letter from **Danielle**

Bernstein Haberman. Husband Dan is a golf professional with the PGA. Danielle is working with Elk Property Management as the property manager of a townhome community in Mt. Pleasants, S.C. Danielle wrote that **Susan Tetterton** graduated in May from American University with her master's degree in English. She is currently living in Arlington but contemplating a move to Richmond.

Larry Hinders '85 and his wife, **Meg Bain** '85, are expecting their first child in March. Larry has recently started a cross-country team in our school. According to Larry, three of his bachelor friends, **Tom Updike**, **Karl Stith** and **Tom Parham**, are active in both the professional and social arenas. Tom Updike, working toward becoming a certified property manager, lives in McLean and works for the Windbury Group. Karl has graduated from Colorado University's law school and is looking for employment in the D.C. area. Tom Parham is working in Baltimore for the state's equivalent of the Environmental Protection Agency. His efforts will be instrumental in preserving the Chesapeake Bay for our children and grandchildren.

Pat Matalavage and his wife, **Kim Myles** '85, became the proud parents of Lindsey last spring. In addition to fatherhood, Pat is building houses as a principal partner in Atlantic Southern Building Contractors.

Several graduates have become homeowners. **Anna Kelly**, who has purchased a home in Richmond, continues to work at the House of Delegates. **Deona Houff** '85 moved from a condo into a home.

Gail Conway is co-owner of Mirror Image, a dance supply store in Fredericksburg. "Many of the college students purchase their leotards, tights and dance shoes from us, and we employ some students to work in the shop also." Gail is past president of Friends of MWC Dance and hopes to see all of her dance friends at the June reunion this year. "We are planning a huge get-together with a dance concert, master classes and a silent book auction of Claudia Moore Read's dance books. I am currently cataloging her books and will be sending out a list of all of the books that will be offered for sale during Reunion Weekend. It is taking me hours and hours because I get wrapped up in looking through the books instead of just writing down the pertinent information about them." Mrs. Read has donated these books, and the proceeds from the auction will go directly toward the endowment of her scholarship. Mrs. Read will also be on hand during the tea party to greet old friends, students and teachers.

Keep writing and calling with the news of our class. We like to share in your successes!

1988

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From Jay:

Don Appiarius left West Virginia State College, where he was education program coordinator, to reside in Maryland and pursue other job possibilities. Congrats to Don, who was to be married in October '94 in his alma mater town of Fredericksburg!

Adam Smith is the senior consulting associate at the N.Y. office of D.E. Foster Partners Inc., an alliance firm of KPMG Peat Marwick. When Adam isn't commuting to N.Y., he enjoys kayaking in Great Falls.

As for me, I went to flight school two weeks after graduating from MWC and have been flying the friendly skies ever since, first as an instructor pilot and now as a corporate pilot. I'm chief pilot at NavCom Aviation in Manassas, Va., flying a Learjet 35. I've flown some interesting people: Joe Theismann, the Grateful Dead band, General Colin Powell, Willard Scott and Jesse Jackson. I really love my job. The most interesting person I met was Dawn Austin. In January '95 I'm going to marry her!

Congratulations to **Jean Barbagallo** '87, who married Joe Mancuso in October in Fredericksburg!

From Kenneth:

Hello once again! Thanks for the news. Keep it comin'!

Congratulations to **Mary Frances White** on the arrival of her second novel, *The Haunting Love of Snowden's Cove*, a romance set in the antebellum south. To order a copy, call Van Schoonhoven Press at (703) 672-9536. In addition to Mary, good luck and best wishes are extended to **Dawn Benner**, who just moved to France.

Here's the scoop from **Margie Rand Outten**: **Courtney Swartz** and **David Biggs** welcomed Zachary Alexander in December 1993. Zachary has a big brother, who just turned 2. Kim and **Chris Pack** have a daughter born in August 1993. **Michelle Benner** and **Matt D'Ercole** '89 have a little boy. **Holly Hinsen** and Scott Lockridge were expecting their third child June 1994. They live in Allentown, Pa. **Clare Bohan** and **Shannon Rowen** '87 were expecting a baby in September.

Liz Agro and Robert Jacobon made it down to Virginia from the Big Apple for **Christina Delano**'s wedding in April. Liz is studying for her master's and working part time at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. As of June 1994, she was looking forward to an internship in NYC for the summer. **Teresa Curtis** was transferred to Virginia Beach with State Farm. **Lin Outten** is back at Old Dominion University this fall as the men's assistant soccer coach, and **Margie** is still working for Marriott in downtown Norfolk.

Recent marriages include **Lori Whalen** and Lyn Lehman, who live in Reston, Va.; **Daphrie Laimbeer** and **Matt VanderWoude** '89, who live in Warrenton, Va.; **Beth King** and **Piper Antimarino**, who live in Virginia Beach. **Bob** and **Leslie Turner** were married in 1993 and are expecting a baby. **Suzanne Gates** has recently become engaged.

I've just started a new job with Oncor Inc., a molecular and cytogenetic diagnostics company in Gaithersburg, Md., as a technical services representative. I'm teaching various laboratories DNA diagnostic techniques and troubleshooting with them when they get lost. The best part about this is that the labs are on the West Coast, so I get to travel there one week every month!

1990

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From Rich:

The time is quickly approaching when we can all get together at MWC! Our fifth reunion is approaching and it's important that you mark your calendars now! Reunion Weekend is scheduled for June 2-4, 1995. It's a weekend to catch up with old friends and share the laughs and joys that made our years at Mary Wash so special. Until then, here is some news of your fellow alums!

Cameron Ambrose and **Dave Smallwood** are finally going to tie the knot in spring 1995, and will be living in Richmond. **Elise Annunziata** is now living in Arlington and working as a research assistant for an environmental think tank, "Resources for the Future," in Washington, D.C. She is also completing her master's at George Washington U.

Pollyanna Bryant is living in the Northern Virginia area again, but not for long. She's hoping to move back to Texas soon and open her own business, possibly with the travel industry. **Sean Dargan** continues to amaze everyone. He and his band recently headlined at the Bayou in Washington, D.C., and his following is growing. Sean recently released another disc of original material, so pay attention to your local newspaper and radio and go see him perform!

Jennifer Harned is in the final stages of her master's in education and is also being certified to teach English and government. She is still living in the Alexandria area and hopes to start teaching high school soon. **Michelle Hedrick** is now a proud and happy homeowner in Centreville, Va. She continues to work in Tysons Corner in real estate while deciding on the color she wants to paint her new walls!

Kris Feichtinger is still living in Arlington, but has changed jobs. She is now working at David and Hagner, a D.C. law firm where she specializes in 401K work. **Jay Dugger** was married in February to Rhonda Ramey in Hampton. He is currently operating his own law practice and hopes to join the commonwealth attorney's office as a prosecutor very soon.

Congratulations are in order for **Mike Michalowicz** and **Stephanie Myers** '91, who were married on Nov. 12 in Harrisonburg. Mike continues to work for BDM International, and Stephanie is teaching English. They're both enjoying the good life while living in sunny Puerto Rico!

Very special congratulations go to **Beatrice Von Guggenberg Kerr.** Beatrice received the Mary Washington College Young Alumnus Merit Award this past summer at MWC's Reunion Weekend for her service in the fight against HIV and AIDS. She has a moving story to share with everyone, and for her courage, strength and poise, she was

honored with this award. Beatrice and her husband, Chris, recently bought a home in Spotsylvania on the Wilderness Battlefield, not far from where she works for the Hospice of Central Virginia.

The award for the most traveled '90 graduate has to go to **Sabrina Ramage**. After graduation, Sabrina worked on Capitol Hill, but left the gridlock of Washington to pursue the adventure of a lifetime. She left to teach university-level conversational English to students from kindergarten through the 12th grade. When I asked her why she chose Thailand, she explained simply, "The beaches, of course!"

Rich Ruehl is living in Ellicot City, Md., and is training to be a firefighter. No word yet if they are going to let him drive the big red truck with the loud siren! While finishing up her master's in education at George Mason University and doing some student teaching, **Jennifer Smith** will be planning a wedding. She and her husband-to-be, Phil, will be married in June in New York. They plan on buying a home and settling in Northern Virginia.

As for me, I'm still working as the project manager for the Secretary of Labor's Policy Center while being active in Alexandria politics. Lisa, my fiancée, and I are still working on our June 17 wedding in Connecticut, and life could not be better.

Julie, Kristen and I are already working on our Reunion Weekend and would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions, so please let us know what you want in "your" weekend! Remember to mark your calendars for June 2-4, 1995, for your return to "Fred-Vegas."

We want everyone to be a part of this magazine, so please feel free to contact me at (703)379-2257, or any of us at the addresses listed for the Class of 1990.

From Julie:

Kristin Flowe became Mrs. John Swanlund on March 19. **Dawn Watkins Dimon** was expecting her first child in November and is living in Elmira, N.Y. **Heidi Leiffer Kay**'s daughter, Aislinn, turned 1 in November.

Diane Himmelheber married **Doug Foley** '88 in 1993, and they are now living in Virginia Beach. Diane is working as a school psychologist intern in the public school system, and Doug is a lawyer. Diane completed her master's at the University of Maryland and is now working on her Ph.D. **Stephanie Cappetta** is working for Central Fidelity in Richmond. **Mary Gallo** is living in Richmond and working at BioClin Lab.

I'm still in Blacksburg and would like to hear from *anyone*. Our fifth class reunion is coming up this spring...I can't wait to see everyone again!

1992

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From Dorothy:

Thank you to everyone who sent me so many cards and letters! Keep 'em coming! Here's the latest news on some of our classmates. **Michele Parks** spent last year working at the National Museum of American History before leaving for graduate school at George Mason University. In July she had just returned from archaeological digs at Jamestown and Charlottesville. She keeps in touch with **Wilma Brooks**, **Rebecca Ellison** and **Jessica MacKenzie**. Wilma and Rebecca are working in D.C., and Jessica is attending Georgetown University.

Maxine Alvarez-Johnson has been employed since August 1992 by the Department of the Navy in Crystal City, where she met her husband, Jeff. They were married in 1993 in Fredericksburg. They are living in Alexandria with their two dogs, Domino and Bruce.

Lisa Bevell has been working in D.C. since graduation. She is a staff assistant at the Brookings Institution in the foreign policy studies program. Lisa is living in Arlington and frequently sees **Wendy Scott** and **Michaela Lajda**. Wendy was married this past summer.

Courtney Moates married Michael Joyce, MWC drama professor, in June 1994. Courtney works for a Social Security disability attorney in Fredericksburg. She stays in contact with **Diane Bennett Bramos**, who is living in Newport News with husband Danny.

I saw **Katherine Moore** recently. She is starting her second year of teaching in the Fredericksburg Head Start program. She also works at the Bass Outlet at Massaponax Shopping Mall, so stop by and say hello. She would also like to tell **Jeff Jones** to stop spreading the rumor that she is engaged, because she is not — yet! She said that **Joy Smith Stover** has been married for one year and is getting ready to start a teaching job in Greene County. **Paula Runnels** has completed her master's degree and is working in special education. She also has a red Mustang. **Pamela Benson** is living in South Carolina and works with a potter. Katherine says Pamela has some excellent pieces of work. **Carolyn Guinn** is going to school and working two jobs.

Janine Burpo was married in October 1994 to Chip Morrison. I saw **Jennifer Tompkins**, who is a first-grade teacher at Lee's Hill Elementary in Spotsylvania. **Stacy Musselman** has bought a house in McGayesville and is working. **Kim Nagy** lives and works in Northern Virginia. **Tonya Turner** is living in Maryland and working for the Washington Capitals. Back in June, the six of us went down to Nags Head for our yearly girls' weekend at the beach. We found out that we can't party like we used to!

Liam Cleaver and **Ann-Clayton Everett** are planning a spring 1995 wedding and are living in Northern Virginia. **Marie Ryan** lives in Arlington and works for a property management and development firm. **Tammy Alley** is teaching history at Chancellor High School in Spotsylvania. **Pam Memmott** is working as a catering manager. **Jolene Carter** was on the East Coast for a little while in September. She and her family in California survived the earthquakes. **Lisa Wilbanks** has moved home to Knoxville, Tenn., and is working for Proffit's department store as an assistant buyer. **Carrie Reams**, who is living in Northern Virginia and working for an engineering firm, told me **Lisa Rasmussen** was married July 15 in Texas. **Margaret Williams** is a live-in nanny in Richmond.

A note arrived from **Nellie King** saying, "I am now a second-year law student in Florida and have a legislative internship with a state representative. Although I work with a Republican (not my party affiliation!), I am becoming actively involved in Florida politics, and I love it!" Nellie also reported that in August **Gabby Sulzbach**, **Jen** and **Katie Levering** (the "Happy Twins") and **Shannon Rothgeb** gathered at an Irish pub owned by Nellie's parents on Smith Mountain Lake. A good time was had by all.

As for me, I am still living in the Fredericksburg area, but now in Spotsylvania. Between the Fredericksburg Alumni Chapter, the MWC Alumni Board of Directors, the Fredericksburg Jaycees, and my job, I stay very busy. If anyone is ever in the area, please call me. Keep the letters coming because the more news you send me, the more I can write.

1994

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Forest, VA 24551

Here's the latest news on our classmates. If you have anything to contribute for the next issue, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

A lot of '94 grads have stayed in Virginia, but a few managed to migrate away from the Beltway to pursue graduate studies. **Jim Cordone** attends law school at the University of Connecticut. He spent his summer working in residence life at MWC. **Dave Janes** attends grad school at the University of Hawaii. **Rachel Abrams** is pursuing her M.B.A. at the University of West Virginia. **Mandy Khaiyer** is seeking an M.S. from Penn State.

Ashley Herron spent her summer in London and is now pursuing a master's in music therapy at NYU. **Kelly Klimkiewicz** is attending law school in New England. **Kelly Dunn** is a grad student at the University of Pittsburgh, but hopes to return to the D.C. area for spring semester. **Liz Hockmuth** is getting her master's from Boston University while working as a senior resident adviser. Also, **Jen Lapasota** is on Long Island in a corporate management training program.

Two of our classmates decided to serve our country through military service. **John Daniel** has joined the Army as a translator and is hoping to survive boot camp. **Emily Howell** joined the Marine Corps.

Quite a few '94 alumni stayed in Fredericksburg. Signet Bank attracted the talents of **Rob Brown**, **Landy Larroche**, **Catherine Foster**, **Sonya Peyton** and **Clay Heath**. Sandy is living in Fredericksburg with **Michelle Bedard**, who is working as a dietary assistant at Mary Washington Hospital, and **Rhonda Winn**, who is also working at the hospital. Catherine and **Chip Payne** '92 were to be married in November. Clay also married recently. Congratulations!

Mark Bushman embarked on a career at GEICO. **Stacy Birkenstock** and **Jen Dorr** were student teaching fall semester. Jen is also

"doing the married thing." **Jen Howell** and **Michelle Byram** both teach for the Spotsylvania school system. **Fran Curry** and **Kyle Crosby** are living in "the 'Burg." Fran works at J. Brian's, and Kyle works at Red Lobster. **Nate Wade** spent his summer with Signet Bank and is currently working for MWC as assistant director of alumni programs. His roommate, **Mini Mattupurath**, worked for Printing Services this summer and is waiting to begin graduate studies.

Also working for MWC are **Melissa Wheat**, **Jamal Hayes**, and **Sean Mahoney**, who are admissions counselors. **T.J. Bubb** works for ARA as a dining room manager and is the residential manager of the Kenmore Inn. **Cheryl Fenner** works for the MWC Geology Department. **Sarah Brewer** is in nursing school and working. **Kim Brown** directs a day-care center, but is hoping to obtain a position with the government.

Aron Keesbury is a new manager at The Gap in Fredericksburg. **Greg Monner** is living off his graduation money and looking for a job in Fredericksburg. Also heading to parts unknown are **Jim Reid** and **Peter Batt**. Jim is contemplating law school, while Peter just doesn't know where the path may lead him. Wedding bells rang in May for **Ted Keim** and **Laura Bodine**, who now live in Winchester and are expecting their first child.

News from D.C.: **Chris Dove** works for a non-profit organization that researches Latin American affairs. **Susan Barker Brock** attends Georgetown University. Elsewhere in Virginia, **Leah McNeil** lives and works in Chesapeake, **Molly Holton** is teaching in Amherst, and **Kim Floyd** attends VCU as a grad student. **Marilyn Olsen** performed at King's Dominion this summer. **Joe Brooks** holds a management position with the Pepsi-Cola Co. in Warrenton. **Scooter Woolridge** and **Karen Mallen** live in Virginia Beach, where Karen manages a women's gym.

Down South, **Kym France** lives and works on Hilton Head Island in the accounting office of a rental agency. **Jay McNamara** and **Dana Rickman** work in Atlanta. **Amy Grillo** attends school in Atlanta, studying to be a paralegal.

Well, that's the news. We hope to hear from the rest of you soon.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Rose Ulman Abrams '22
Gladys Livermon Gray '26
Hildah Brauer Rosenberger '27
Claire Freeman Covey '31
Mary Clements Turner '32
Nellie M. Stewart Swank '34
Ruby Crumley Wagner '37
Evelyn T. Bickers '38
Betty Harker Peterson '41
Helen Bulkley McKinney '44
Kathleen Virginia Harrison Kelley '45
Helen Hawkins Olson '45
Louise Miller Scott '45
Susan Hoggard '47
Anne A. Massie Ramsey '48
Helen R. Edwards '49
Mildred Greenwood '49
Suzanne Adams '55
Patricia Buening Buczynski '55
Amy Smith '63
Bruce Finke '74
Cindy Carter Buso '75
Marion K. Chauncey, associate professor of music.

CONDOLENCES

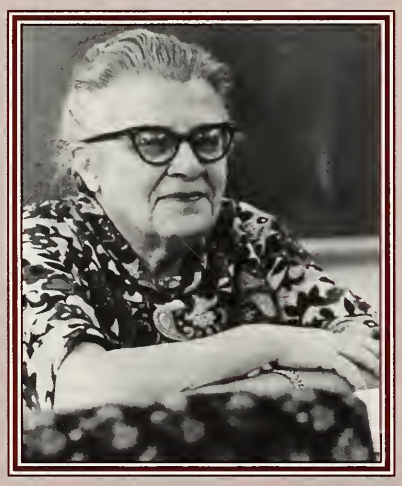
We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Rebecca Leacock Sandall '30, who lost her husband.
Louise Jennings Creamer '36, who lost her sister.
Adelle Mansfield Goodwin '36, who lost her husband.
June Hatcher Major '40, who lost her husband.
Frances Eanes Meloy '41, who lost her husband.
Marie Kennedy Robins '44, who lost her husband.
Elaine Heritage Jordan '46, who lost her mother.
June Davis McCormick '49, who lost her husband.
Ann Reardon Crowley '63, who lost her father.
Nancy Mahone Miller '72, who lost her mother.
Jill Clark Ramsey '90, who lost her mother.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following alumni:

Elisa Devorshak Harvey '81, a son.
Cheryl Dyer Klassa '91, a daughter.



Marion K. Chauncey was a member of the faculty of Mary Washington College for 40 years (1933-1973). A native of Georgia, she was a graduate of the Georgia State Woman's College. She received a bachelor of music degree and a violin diploma from the Ithaca Conservatory of Music and also held a master of arts degree from Columbia University. She had studied under members of the Cincinnati Conservatory. ❧ Miss Chauncey taught a course in Public School Music, which was then required for an elementary teaching certificate in Virginia. However, her specialty was the College glee club. ❧ An organization of this kind had existed from the beginning of the College. When Miss Chauncey took over the glee club, she made it one of the most outstanding groups on the campus. Her knowledge of music literature was extensive, and her selections for the periodic concerts were varied and interesting. ❧ Once a rather small and struggling organization, the glee club was made a popular extracurricular activity under Miss Chauncey's guidance. Election to membership — she limited it to 60 — became a mark of distinction. Attractive robes were selected, and printed programs were introduced for the concerts, which were well attended and well presented. ❧ A high point of the college session for years was the annual Christmas program of the glee club. The 1955 concert, held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, in the auditorium of George Washington Hall, was typical. The first part featured Christmas carols of many countries — England, Scotland, France, Spain, Germany, Poland — with singers dressed in the costumes of each country coming to the front of the stage as the chorus behind them sang the carol from that country. ❧ The second part was a series of Christmas tableaux, with appropriate carols provided by the glee club. The third episode featured the manger scene, with singers presenting "Away in a Manger." The entire cast joined in a finale of familiar carols, concluding with "Silent Night," as the stage lights dimmed slowly to a blue glow over the singers. ❧ Miss Chauncey retired on Dec. 31, 1973. Her last years were spent in Georgia and later Texas. She died on Oct. 9, 1994, at the age of 90. ❧ In 1993 Miss Chauncey donated $40,000 to the College to establish a scholarship in art in memory of her sister, Rosalie, who attended Mary Washington College.

Edward Alvey Jr.
Dean Emeritus

Spinning Wheel Boutique

The Spinning Wheel Boutique can help you find that special gift. The Boutique offers a variety of merchandise, featuring the pewter Jefferson Cup, Boston Rocker and Captain's Chair. All gifts are available for purchase at the alumni house or they can be shipped (with additional shipping charge). Add 4.5% sales tax to the price of all items purchased in the Boutique or shipped to a Virginia address. Make checks payable to Mary Washington College Alumni Association, and mail requests to P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. You can also call the Alumni Office at (703) 899-4648 with your order or fax it to (703) 899-4931 and charge it with your VISA or MasterCard.

Boston Rocker $190.00
#133-2104–Satin Black finish with gold trim
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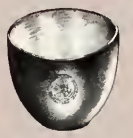
Pewter Jefferson Cup $20.00
Etched with MWC seal
(Shipping $3.00)



Wine Carafe Set $38.00
1 liter carafe and 4 glasses etched with MWC seal
(Shipping $5.00)

MWC Blanket $40.00
All wool, 62" x 84"
Light blue/white MWC seal
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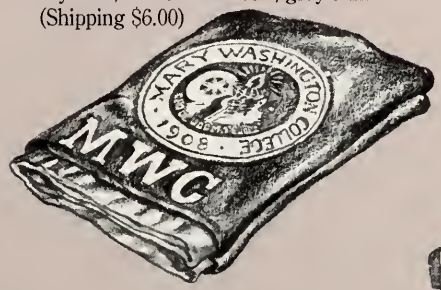

Mary Washington Brass Trivet
(in the shape of the MW)
Small–(5-inch) $13.00
Large–(7-inch) $19.00
(Shipping $3.00)

Beach Towel $24.00
Navy blue with white embroidered lettering, 36" x 72"
(Shipping $3.00)

Cotton Canvas Tote Bags
Natural cotton with navy blue trim and embroidered lettering
Small (12" x 14")–$12.50
Large (14" x 24")–$20.00
(Shipping $3.00)

Nylon Bags
Cooler Bag, 10" x 10", $17.50 (shipping $3.00)
New items (not pictured):
Large Carry-All, 24" x 12" x 12", $26.50 (shipping $5.00)
Small Carry-All, 19" x 10" x 10", $22.00 (shipping $4.00)
Briefcase, 16-1/4" x 13-1/4" x 3", $26.50 (shipping $4.00)
Garment Bag 39" $24.00 (shipping $4.00)
Garment Bag 54" $27.00 (shipping $4.00)

Captain's Chair $190.00
#342-2108–Satin black lacquer finish with cherry arms
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